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Sierra Nevada Conservancy Board to meet in Bishop June 6 -7

(AUBURN, Calif.) – The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC), a state agency focused on supporting and improving the environmental, economic, and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada region, will hold its quarterly governing board meeting in Bishop in Inyo County on June 6-7. The SNC’s jurisdiction includes a significant portion of Inyo County.

“The Sierra Nevada Conservancy has supported some great projects in the Eastern Sierra and we look forward to strengthening that partnership,” says Jeff Griffiths, Inyo County Supervisor and member of the SNC governing board. “I’m excited to show off our region at the upcoming quarterly board meeting and tour in Bishop. We encourage the public to come out and get to know the board members and staff.”

In the SNC’s East Subregion, which is made up of Inyo, Alpine, and Mono Counties, SNC grants have supported a wide variety of projects including the development of the Lower Owens River Recreational Use Plan, construction of a forest biomass to heat facility in Bridgeport, post-fire restoration work in the Big Pine Creek and Oak Creek watersheds, forest health and wildfire risk reduction activities in all three counties, trails planning in Mammoth Lakes, preservation of the Cinnamon Ranch and Benton Hot Springs, and stream restoration and monitoring in Alpine County. To date, SNC has awarded 39 grants to 25 organizations to support projects in the East Subregion for a total of \$4,998,700.

Since its creation in 2004, the SNC has been actively working with partners across the 25 million-acre Sierra Nevada region to protect and enhance the health of landscapes and communities in the Sierra Nevada. SNC has worked with non-profits, local governments, tribes, and state and federal agencies throughout the Sierra Nevada to improve forest health, protect and improve water and air quality, provide increased opportunities for tourism and recreation, protect critical natural and cultural resources, and reduce the risk for large, damaging wildfires. To date, the governing board has awarded over \$65 million in grants for projects throughout the 22-county region, and will consider authorizing additional funds at the June meeting. Funding for these projects

comes from Proposition 84 passed by voters in 2006 and Proposition 1 passed by voters in 2014.

On June 6, the SNC board will tour the Buttermilks Climbing and Recreation Area, learn about land conservation activities in Round Valley, and explore the interdependence between the City of Los Angeles and the Owens River. The field tour is scheduled to start at 1:00 p.m. from the main parking lot of the Creekside Inn located at 725 North Main Street in Bishop, CA. Following the tour, a reception will be held at the Laws Railroad Museum located 4.5 miles north of Bishop on Silver Canyon Road from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The board meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. on June 7 at the Cerro Coso Community College Eastern Sierra Campus located at 4090 West Line Street, Bishop, CA 93514. The board will consider authorizing \$3.5 million in new Proposition 1 grants, receive an update on the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's strategic plan, and will be provided with an overview of the progress of the [Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program](#) and the Tahoe-Central Sierra Initiative.

The public is invited to attend all SNC events; however, lunch and transportation are not provided. Complete information on the meeting agenda, staff reports, and field trip is available online at www.sierranevada.ca.gov.

About the Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Created in 2004, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) is a state agency whose mission is to improve the environmental, economic, and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada Region. The Sierra Nevada Region spans 25 million acres, encompasses all or part of 22 counties, and runs from the Oregon border on the north to Kern County on the south. The Region is the origin of more than 60 percent of California's developed water supply.

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