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Public Workshop next Wednesday for Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Program

(Auburn) – The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) will be holding a public workshop to discuss grant application guidelines for forest health projects that will be funded by the Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 grant program. Draft grant guidelines can be found on the SNC website.

The SNC is proposing that the first grant round will be focused on forest health projects, including projects to reduce the risk of large, damaging wildfires. These types of projects are specifically called out in Proposition 1 and the California Water Action Plan, in recognition of the critical role watersheds play in California's water future.

This public workshop will be located at the SNC Headquarters in Auburn on March 18, 2015, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. This workshop will provide for in-person participation and will also be webcast. For more information about the meeting or the grant program, please visit the SNC website at www.sierranevada.ca.gov. Anyone interested in participating in the webcast should register through the Sierra Nevada Conservancy website by Monday, March 16, 2015.

Comments on the grant guidelines may also be submitted via email to grants.SNC@sierranevada.ca.gov. Public comments will be accepted through Friday, March 27, 2015.

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 SNC has awarded over \$50 million in grants for projects to protect and enhance the health of California's primary watersheds by improving forest health, remediating mercury contamination from abandoned mines, protecting critical natural resources and reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire. Funding for these projects came from Proposition 84 passed by voters in 2006.

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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