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SNC Chronicles Success of \$50 Million in Proposition 84 Grant Projects in the Sierra Nevada Region

(Auburn) – The Sierra Nevada Conservancy today released a report detailing the progress of its Proposition 84 grant program in the Sierra Nevada, highlighting 10 projects that have helped to protect California’s water supply. To date, the SNC has invested more than \$50 million through 294 grants in all 22 counties in the region.

The colorful report, entitled “Investing in California’s Watershed,” highlights projects that protect working landscapes, forest health and fire prevention, water quality and watershed health, and iconic Sierra landscapes.

“Californians draw most of their water from the Sierra Nevada, so the work that is being done to protect the Sierra’s watersheds is of concern to all of us in the state,” said SNC Executive Officer Jim Branham. “We hope this report, with its interactive video features and project summaries, will serve to inform everyone about where their water comes from, and the investment that is still needed for ongoing protection.”

“After all, California’s Delta begins in the Sierra,” Branham said.

The SNC, which receives no general fund tax dollars, has awarded most of the bond funds provided to it by Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water Bond Act passed by voters in 2006. Grants are awarded to cities, counties, state and federal agencies, non-profits, tribal and conservation organizations. All projects must adhere to the requirements of Prop. 84.

“Investing in California’s Watershed” is available directly from the SNC’s web site: www.SierraNevada.ca.gov, and features videos and interviews with grantees, shot on location at the project sites. The highlighted projects include the following locations:

- Ash Creek Wildlife Area and Hulsman Ranch in Lassen County
- Campstool Ranch and Calaveras Healthy Impact Product Solutions in Calaveras County
- Combie Reservoir in Nevada County
- Independence Lake in Nevada and Sierra Counties
- Cold Stream Creek in Sierra County
- Fish Friendly Farming in El Dorado County
- Lower Owens River in Inyo County
- American River Canyon in Placer County

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