



Board Meeting Agenda

March 7 & 8, 2024 – Sacramento, CA

Board Meeting

March 7, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (End time is approximate)

California Natural Resources Agency – Auditorium – 715 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Oath of Office for New Boardmembers**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Approval of December 8, 2023, Meeting Minutes (ACTION)**
- 5. Board Chair's Report (ACTION)**

The Board may take action to adopt SNC Resolution Number 03-24-01: Honoring Senator John Laird, Senator Brian Dahle, Jim Branham, Angela Avery, and regional champions for their efforts in the creation and ongoing support of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC).

- 6. Executive Officer's Report (INFORMATIONAL)**
 - a. Executive Officer Update
 - b. Administrative Update
 - Attachment A: Annual Budget Report
 - c. Policy & Outreach Update

7. Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program (RFFCP) Update (INFORMATIONAL)

Staff will provide the Board an update on the status of the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program (RFFCP) block grant and deliverables.

8. Strategic Plan Update (INFORMATIONAL)

- Attachment A: Draft 2024-2029 Strategic Plan

Staff will present the status of the Draft 2024-2029 Strategic Plan. This item will provide the Board with an opportunity to discuss the working draft, which has been made available for formal public comment. Members of the public may wish to address the Board with comments on the draft.

9. Consent Agenda

A consent agenda groups non-controversial items before the Board into a single agenda item. Recommendations will ordinarily be acted on without discussion. If any Boardmember, staff member, other interested party, or member of the public requests discussion of a consent item, it may be removed from consent and taken up in the agenda order, or in an order determined by the Board Chair.

Wildfire Recovery and Forest Resilience Directed Grant Program Award Recommendations

The Board may take action to make determinations under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and award grants to the following projects:

a. #1645

North Vegetation Assessment, Data Development and Project NEPA in Siskiyou, Shasta, Modoc, Lassen, and Tehama counties in the amount of \$3,580,500 to the Fall River Resource Conservation District with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.

b. #1646

Forest Projects Plan - Phase Two Environmental Planning project in El Dorado, Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, and Alpine counties in the amount of \$723,542 to the Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.

c. #1669

Ishi Wilderness Fire Restoration Planning project in Tehama County in the amount of \$641,920 to the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.

d. #1672

Long Canyon Watershed Protection Project in Placer County in the amount of \$657,500 to the Placer County Water Agency with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.

e. #1678

Boca/Hobart Forest Health and Meadow Habitat Restoration project in Nevada County in the amount of \$168,820 to the Truckee River Watershed Council with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.

f. #1679

Bungalow Resilience and Fuels Reduction Planning Project in Fresno County in the amount of \$2,902,715 to the National Forest Foundation with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.

g. #1682

Tribal Wildfire Resilience and Land Use Plan project in Tuolumne County in the amount of \$920,000 to the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.

h. #1688

Upper Middle Yuba Watershed Forest Restoration NEPA Planning project in Sierra and Nevada counties in the amount of \$386,100 to the Nevada Irrigation District with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.

10. Wildfire Recovery and Forest Resilience Directed Grant Program Award Recommendations (ACTION)

The Board may take action to make determinations under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and award grants to the following projects:

a. #1632

Claremont Forest Resiliency Project in Plumas County in the amount of \$1,787,000 to the Mule Deer Foundation with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.

b. #1636

Forest Projects Plan Phase One-B project in Amador County in the amount of \$4,739,056 to the Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.

c. #1639

Parker Peak Forest Restoration and Resilience Project in Tulare County in the amount of \$1,709,130 to the Tule River Indian Tribe with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.

d. #1641

Northstar Community Services District Wood Energy Facility project in Placer County in the amount of \$1,000,000 to the Northstar Community Services District and authorize the filing of a CEQA Notice of Determination as a responsible agency.

e. #1644

Soldier Mountain WUI Project in Shasta County in the amount of \$1,686,100 to the Fall River Resource Conservation District with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.

f. #1647

Taylorsville Community Defense Zone Implementation project in Plumas County in the amount of \$751,665 to the Sierra Institute for Community and Environment with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.

g. #1654

South Fork Sacramento Fire Resilience project in Siskiyou County in the amount of \$3,628,600 to the United States Forest Service and the Shasta-Trinity National Forest with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.

h. #1666

Giant Sequoia National Monument Restoration and Stewardship Phase Two project in Tulare County in the amount of \$2,225,300 to the Save the Redwoods League with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.

11. Boardmembers' Comments

Provide an opportunity for members of the Board to make comments on items not on the agenda.

12. Public Comments

Provide an opportunity for members of the public who have not previously addressed the Board to comment on non-agenda items. The Board Chair reserves the right to limit the time allocated for each person providing public comment.

13. Adjournment

Additional Board Materials

- Key Meetings and Presentations
- Letters of Support
- [Sierra Spotlight](#)

Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program (WIP) Annual Summit

March 8, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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The Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program (WIP) Summit highlights, and helps California policymakers connect with, Sierra-Cascade issues that resonate across the state. This year, the SNC will celebrate its 20th year as a state agency by showcasing and recognizing the many accomplishments, people, projects, collaborations, and events that shaped the SNC and the Sierra-Cascade over the past two decades.

Additional Information

Meeting materials are available on the [SNC website](https://sierranevada.ca.gov) (sierranevada.ca.gov). For additional information, or to submit written comment on any agenda item, please contact Ms. Armstrong at (530) 721-0018; via email to tristyn.armstrong@sierranevada.ca.gov; in person or by mail at: 11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205, Auburn CA 95603. For reasonable accommodations, including documents in alternative formats, please contact Ms. Armstrong at least **five (5)** working days in advance.

Closed Session

Following, or at any time during, the meeting, the Board may recess or adjourn to closed session to consider pending or potential litigation, property negotiations, or personnel-related matters. Authority: Government Code Section 11126.