

Board Meeting AGENDA

March 6 – 7, 2019

El Dorado County – Central Subregion



MARCH 6, 2019

The 2019 Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program Summit 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
In Their Own Words: WIP Partners on Regional Challenges, Opportunities, and Needs

Cameron Park Community Center
Assembly Hall
2502 Country Club Drive
Cameron Park, CA 95682

The challenges being faced by California's Sierra Nevada Region continue to mount, but powerful resources exist to help address them. As California focuses on improving short-term emergency preparedness, the Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program (WIP) offers a state-recognized roadmap that harnesses the power of its strong network of partners to increase the long-term resilience of our Sierra Nevada watersheds, forests, and communities.

Please join us as we talk with some of our WIP partners about the challenges, opportunities, and needs facing those working to support Healthy Forests and Watersheds, Vibrant Recreation and Tourism, Strategic Land Conservation, Resilient Sierra Nevada Communities, and an Impactful Regional Identity for the Sierra Nevada Region.

Reception 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Following the WIP Summit, Boardmembers and staff will attend a reception open to the public. The reception will be held at the Cameron Park Community Center Assembly Hall located at 2502 Country Club Drive, Cameron Park, CA 95682.

MARCH 7, 2019

Board Meeting

Cameron Park Community Center
Assembly Hall - West
2502 Country Club Drive
Cameron Park, CA 95682

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
(End time is approximate.)

I. Call to Order

II. Oath of Office for New Boardmembers

III. Roll Call

IV. Approval of December 6, 2018, Meeting Minutes (ACTION)

V. Board Chair's Report (ACTION)

The Board may take action to change the date of the December 2019 Board meeting.

VI. Executive Officer's Report (INFORMATIONAL)

- a. Executive Officer Update
- b. Administrative Update
- c. Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program Update
- d. Policy and Outreach Update

VII. Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 Grant Award Recommendations (ACTION)

The Board may take action to adopt California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings and award grants for the following projects:

- **#1054** the *Scotts Flat Reservoir Fuels Treatment Phase 4* project in Nevada County in the amount of \$981,000 to the Nevada Irrigation District with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- **#1061** the *Tramway Road Fuel Break Network* project in Tehama County in the amount of \$235,858 to the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County with a CEQA Notice of Determination as a Responsible Agency.
- **#1065** the *Diamond Mountain Forest & Watershed Restoration Project* in Lassen County in the amount of \$882,087 to the Lassen County Fire Safe Council with a CEQA Notice of Determination as a Responsible Agency.
- **#1067** the *South Fork Mokelumne River Watershed Restoration Phase 3 Treatment* project in Calaveras County in the amount of \$865,835 to Calaveras Healthy Impact Product Solutions with a CEQA Notice of Determination as Lead Agency.
- **#1068** the *South Fork Mokelumne River Watershed Restoration Phase 4 Planning* project in Calaveras County in the amount of \$89,125 to Calaveras Healthy Impact Product Solutions with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- **#1069** the *Independence Lake Forest Health & Resiliency* project in Sierra and Nevada Counties in the amount of \$99,688 to The Nature Conservancy with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- **#1070** the *Sierra Buttes/Lakes Basin Properties Fuel Reduction* project in Sierra County in the amount of \$167,200 to the Sierra County Land Trust with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- **#1074** the *Webber Lake Little Truckee Headwaters Forest Management Phase Two* project in Sierra County in the amount of \$419,250 to the Truckee Donner Land Trust with a CEQA Notice of Determination as a Responsible Agency.
- **#1075** the *Serene Lakes Royal Gorge Headwaters Forest Health Improvements* project in Placer County in the amount of \$364,510 to the Truckee Donner Land Trust with a CEQA Notice of Determination as a Responsible Agency.
- **#1081** the *Quincy Watershed Improvement Project* in Plumas County in the amount of \$99,997 to the Plumas Audubon Society with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.

- **#1088** the *Lakes Basin* project in Plumas and Sierra Counties in the amount of \$995,995 to the USDA Forest Service, Plumas National Forest with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- **#1089** the *French Meadows Forest Restoration Biomass Project* in Placer County in the amount of \$1,000,000 to Placer County with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- **#1091** the *Black Springs Restoration Project* in Calaveras County in the amount of \$1,000,000 to the Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority with a CEQA Notice of Determination as a Responsible Agency.
- **#1094** the *Lakes Basin Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project – Phase 1* project in Mono County in the amount of \$1,000,000 to the Mammoth Lakes Fire Safe Council with a CEQA Notice of Determination as a Responsible Agency.
- **#1096** the *Tiger Creek Fuel Break Watershed Protection* project in Amador County in the amount of \$100,000 to the Amador Fire Safe Council with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- **#1099** the *Blue Rush Forest Restoration Project* in Fresno County in the amount of \$999,960 to the Yosemite/Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Council with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- **#1124** the *Dry Creek Ecological Site-Watershed Restoration Plan* project in Modoc County in the amount of \$97,400 to the Modoc Resource Conservation District with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- **#1126** the *Big Chico Creek Forest Health Management Plan* project in Butte County in the amount of \$100,000 to the Butte County Fire Safe Council with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- **#1130** the *French Meadows Prescribed Fire Project* in Placer County in the amount of \$1,000,000 to The Nature Conservancy with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- **#1131** the *Rim Fire Invasive Plant Control and Eradication* project in Tuolumne County in the amount of \$332,400 to the USDA Forest Service, Stanislaus National Forest, with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- **#1146** the *Valley Creek Botanical Special Interest Area and Watershed Protection* project in Plumas County in the amount of \$999,878 to the USDA Forest Service, Plumas National Forest, with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.

VIII. Resilient Sierra Nevada Communities Proposition 68 Grant Award Recommendations (ACTION)

The Board may take action to adopt California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings and award grants for the following project:

- **#RC001** the *Strategic Conservation Action Plan* project across the Sierra Nevada Region in the amount of \$163,405 to the Sierra Cascade Land Trust Council with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.

IX. Vibrant Recreation and Tourism Proposition 68 Grant Award Recommendations (ACTION)

The Board may take action to adopt California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings and award grants for the following project:

- **#RT001** the *Eastern Sierra Office of Sustainable Recreation and Tourism* project across the Eastern Subregion in the amount of \$618,750 to the Town of Mammoth Lakes with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.

X. Proposition 68 Funding Allocation to the California Tahoe Conservancy (ACTION)

The Board may take action to adopt California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings and award a grant for the following project:

- **#WIP001** allocating \$1,954,590 in Proposition 68 funds, per Section 80135(c) of Proposition 68, to the California Tahoe Conservancy to support Tahoe-Central Sierra Initiative projects with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.

XI. Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund (TRFRF) Grant Award Recommendations (ACTION)

The Board may take action to adopt California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings and award grants for the following projects:

- **#TRFRF002** the *Building Capacity for Rural Development Across Sierra Communities* project across the Sierra Nevada Region in the amount of \$400,000 to the Sierra Institute for Community and Environment with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- **#TRFRF003** the *Sierra Corps Pilot Program* project across the Sierra Nevada Region in the amount of \$275,000 to the Sierra Nevada Alliance with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- **#TRFRF004** the *Workforce Development Initiative Phase I – Assessment and Gap Analysis* project across the Sierra Nevada Region in the amount of \$35,000 to the Sierra Business Council with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- **#TRFRF005** the *Forest Restoration and Prescribed Fire Crew Development* project across the Sierra Nevada Region in the amount of \$40,000 to Calaveras Healthy Impact Products Solutions with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.

XII. Fire Settlement Funds (FSF) Grant Award Recommendation (ACTION)

The Board may take action to adopt California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings and award a grant for the following project:

- **#FPNMF001** for the *Moonlight Fire Area Restoration Project* in Plumas County in the amount of \$6,097,370 to Feather River Resource Conservation District with a CEQA Notice of Determination as a Responsible Agency.

XIII. CAL FIRE California Climate Investments Agreement Authorizations (ACTION)

In October 2018, the SNC was awarded \$10,723,552 in CCI funds from CAL FIRE for the *Tahoe-Central Sierra Initiative All-Lands Regional Restoration Program – Eldorado Projects/French Meadows* grant. Pursuant to CCI grant agreement 8GG18601 between CAL FIRE and SNC, the Board may take action to adopt California Environmental Quality Act findings and award sub-grants or enter into contracts with partners to implement the following components of the grant:

- **#R1831015** for *Planning and Environmental Review* in the amount of \$200,000 to the El Dorado County and Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation District with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- **#R1833016** for the *French Meadows Project* in the amount of \$3,500,000 to Placer County with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- **#CCI003** for the *Tobacco Gulch* project in the amount of \$150,000 to Eldorado National Forest with a CEQA Notice of Determination as Lead Agency on the IS/MND adopted by the Board in June 2018.
- **#CCI005** for the *Landscape-Scale Carbon Accounting* project in the amount of \$350,000 to U.S. Forest Service Region 5, Remote Sensing Laboratory, with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- **#CCI006** for the *Completion of LiDAR on Eldorado National Forest* project in the amount of \$250,000 to the Eldorado National Forest with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- **#CCI007** for the *HRV Studies in the TCSI Area* project in the amount of \$150,000 to U.S. Forest Service Region 5 with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.

XIV. Boardmembers' Comments

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

XV. 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.

XVI. Adjournment

Meeting Materials are available on the SNC Web site at www.sierranevada.ca.gov. For additional information, or to submit written comment on any agenda item, please contact Ms. Armstrong at (530) 823-4700, toll free at (877) 257-1212; 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, subdivision (e)(2)(B)(i).