

Current Status – Budget

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy's (SNC) 2016-17 budget closed as anticipated, spending 99.9 percent of the total \$4,385,000 that serves as SNC's base funding. This amount is funded by the Environmental License Plate Fund (ELPF). SNC will also be receiving reimbursements of \$88,312 from the National Disaster Resilience Competition Grant and Stewardship Council Agreement.

Governor Brown signed the 2017-18 budget on June 27, 2017. Our base funding, which pays for operating expenses, was allocated at its regular amount. Effective July 1, 2017, all staff received a four percent salary increase and we anticipate receiving funding for this in early fall. This year's budget also included the Federal Trust Fund allocation of \$30,000. We have received a commitment from the USFS for \$100,000 to support WIP, so we will be submitting a request to the Department of Finance (DoF) to increase our Federal Trust Fund authority (which should be a formality).

As for SNC's grant program, we received Local Assistance appropriations of \$285,000 for Prop 84 and \$8,000,000 for Prop 1. Local Assistance funds will be awarded to grantees. We received Program Delivery appropriations of \$28,000 for Prop 84 and \$132,000 for Prop 1. Program Delivery funds will be spent on staff salaries and benefits. We also received our first appropriations of Planning and Monitoring funds, which included \$30,000 for Prop 84 and \$150,000 for Prop 1. Planning and monitoring funds will be spent on design, selection, implementation, monitoring, reporting, environmental reviews, and appraisals. Per section 79704 of the Water Code (Prop. 1) and section 75072 of the Public Resources Code (Prop. 84), we are authorized to spend up to 10 percent of the total amount we are allocated for both Prop 1 and Prop 84.

The current status of SNC's 2017-18 budget can be viewed on page three of this report.

Current Status – Accounting

The SNC's grantees and vendors are currently being paid in a timely manner. Contracted Fiscal Services (CFS) has closed the 2016-17 accounting books through month eleven. This is a significant improvement from previous years. At this rate, we have high hopes they will meet the state deadline of August 21. We will provide a verbal update on the status of the 2016-17 accounting books at the September meeting.

CFS continues to provide slow response time in answering questions and resolving issues for SNC. We had a meeting with the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) and the other conservancies to identify alternatives to using CFS for accounting. No final decisions have been made but CNRA is working on a solution, with a goal of addressing it in the next fiscal year (2018-19). During this meeting, CNRA agreed that SNC was capable of taking on its own budgeting and worked with DoF to authorize this change. This will save SNC approximately \$30,000 this year and in future years. At the time this report was written, SNC was working with CFS on this transition. We will provide a verbal update at the September meeting.

Current Status – Human Resources

Marji Feliz, one of SNC's first employees, retired in July. Marji has filled a number of roles at the SNC over the years including the grants program and the Great Sierra River Cleanup, and her contributions are appreciated. Recently, she had been working in a part-time capacity on special projects, including the Strategic Plan.

We have hired Theresa Parsley, who was previously SNC's Admin Chief, as a retired annuitant to coordinate the Strategic Planning work.

The current SNC Board and staff organizational charts can be viewed on page four and five of this report.

Recommendation

This is an informational item only; no formal action is needed by the Board at this time, although Boardmembers are encouraged to share their thoughts and comments.

**2017-18 SNC BUDGET
as of July 2017**

Environmental License Plate Fund (ELPF) Support Budget	
Personal Services	
SALARIES & WAGES AND BENEFITS	\$ 3,417,179
Operating Expenses & Equipment	
GENERAL EXPENSE (includes printing, communications & postage)	\$ 99,793
TRAVEL	\$ 95,000
TRAINING	\$ 15,172
FACILITIES	\$ 308,352
UTILITIES	\$ 24,665
CONTRACTS - INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT (includes CFS \$206,000, DGS 14,800, Legal Svcs \$22,000, SPB \$4,576, CalHR \$5,700)	\$ 255,253
CONTRACTS - EXTERNAL (includes Propoint \$45,150)	\$ 45,150
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	\$ 87,100
VEHICLE OPERATIONS (includes vehicle insurance)	\$ 27,336
Total Operating Expenses & Equipment	\$ 957,821
Total Personal Services & OE&E Budget	\$ 4,375,000

Prop 1	
LOCAL ASSISTANCE	\$ 8,000,000
Support Budget	
SALARIES & WAGES AND BENEFITS	
<i>Program Delivery</i>	\$ 200,000
<i>Planning & Monitoring</i>	\$ 75,000
Total Prop 1 Personal Services	\$ 275,000
CONTRACTS - EXTERNAL (environmental reviews)	\$ 75,000
Total Prop 1 Support Budget	\$ 350,000

Prop 84	
LOCAL ASSISTANCE	\$ 285,000
Support Budget	
SALARIES & WAGES AND BENEFITS	
<i>Program Delivery</i>	\$ 42,000
<i>Planning & Monitoring</i>	\$ 30,000
Total Prop 84 Support Budget	\$ 72,000

Reimbursements	Projected
STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL	\$ 3,000
NDRC	\$ 120,000
Total Reimbursements	\$ 123,000

Federal Funding	Projected
US FOREST SERVICE - SSCC	\$ 28,000
US FOREST SERVICE - WIP	\$ 100,000
Total Federal Funding	\$ 128,000


Sierra Nevada Conservancy Governing Board

May 2017

Natural Resources Agency



John Laird
Secretary



Todd Ferrara
Designated Rep.

Department of Finance



Michael Cohen
Director



Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez
Designated Rep.

Governor's Appointments



Robert Kirkwood
Public Member



Terrence O'Brien
Public Member
Board Vice-Chair

No Picture Available

Danny Wan
Public Member

Legislative Appointments



John Brissenden
State Assembly
Board Chair




Robert Johnston
State Senate

Non-Voting Liaison Advisor Appointments



Bernie Gyant
US Forest Service



Woody Smeck
US National Park Service



Este Stifel
US Bureau of Land Mgmt.

Local Government Appointments

North Subregion



Elizabeth Cavasso
Modoc County Supervisor

Mary Rickert
Shasta County Supervisor
Alternate Rep.

North Central Subregion



Doug Teeter
Butte County Supervisor

Paul Roen
Sierra County Supervisor
Alternate Rep.


Central Subregion



Randy Fletcher
Yuba County Supervisor

Hank Weston
Nevada County Supervisor
Alternate Rep.

South Central Subregion



Jack Garamendi
Calaveras County Supervisor

Sherri Brennan
Tuolumne County Supervisor
Alternate Rep.

South Subregion



Tom Wheeler
Madera County Supervisor

Nathan Magsig
Fresno County Supervisor
Alternate Rep.

East Subregion

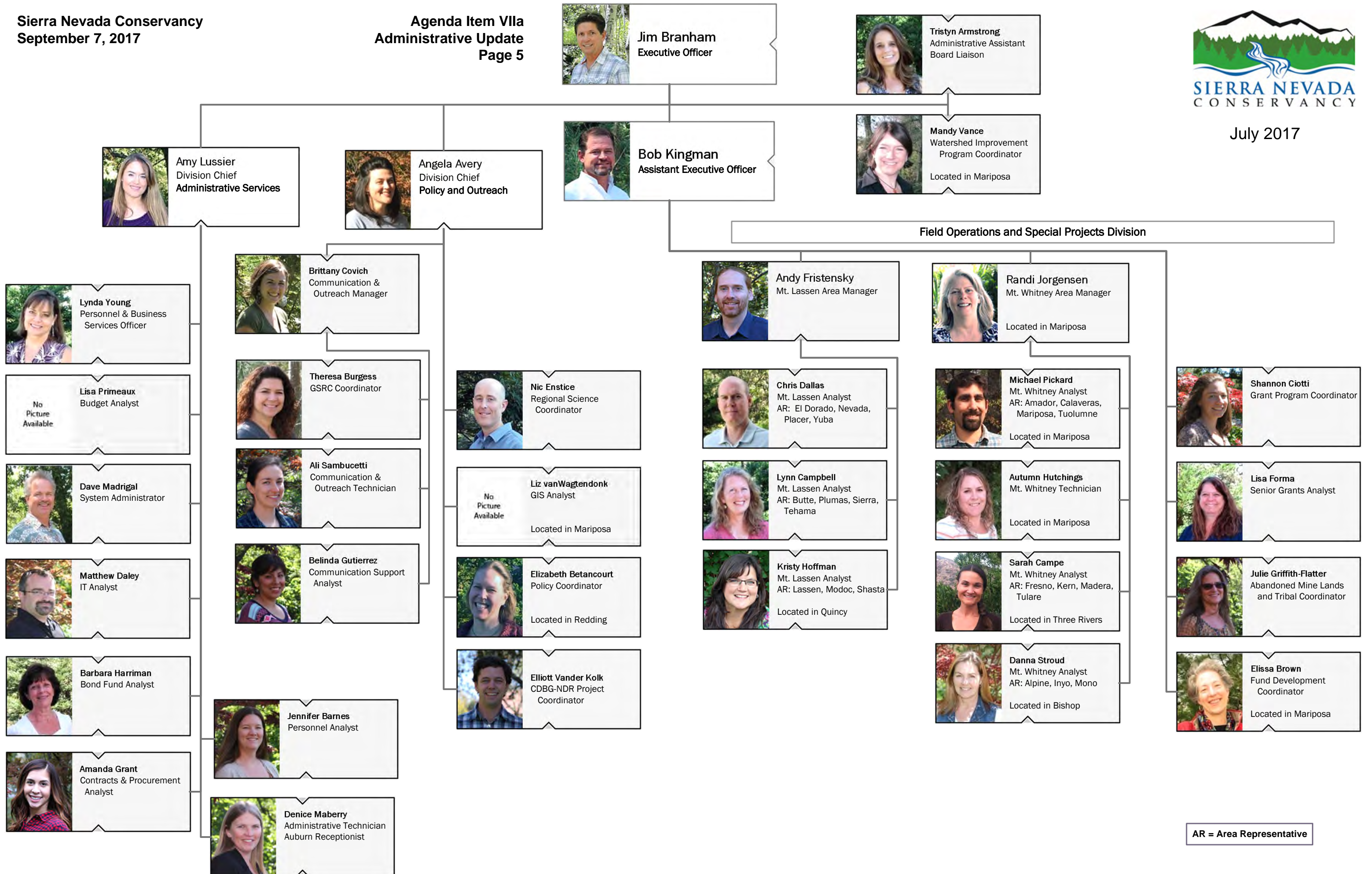


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