

### **Background**

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) is required by statute, Public Resource Code Section 33350, to “make an annual report to the Legislature and to the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency regarding expenditures, land management costs, and administrative costs.”

During the first few formative years of the SNC, the annual report was produced as an expanded education and outreach tool, with interactive multimedia components, professional layout, full-color printing, and widespread distribution in both hard copy and electronic formats. In fiscal year 2010-11 the Annual Report was scaled down in scope due to the status of the California State budget and SNC operational limitations, resulting in a full-color document that was produced in-house by staff. The final product was distributed to satisfy the legislated requirements and made available on the SNC Web site.

### **Current Status**

Given ongoing budget and staffing limitations, staff intends to produce a scaled-down report for this and subsequent years until or unless there is a specific reason to include more information, such as at the conclusion of our Proposition 84 Grant Program. This and future Annual Reports will be four to six pages in length, addressing general information about the SNC and its programs and specific information about budget expenditures, grant awards and grant close-outs for each year. The recommended content will meet statutory requirements for budgetary reporting and contain enough informational background to provide the reader with an understanding of those expenditures/costs and our programs.

Graphics for the annual report may include the SNC map, logos, budget charts or graphs and a small number of photos. Report design and printing will be handled in-house. Staff will prepare the Annual Report and distribute it appropriately, with an anticipated distribution date of the October following the fiscal year close.

### **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.**