

Background

As mentioned in Agenda Item VII, the Governing Board has now met in all 22 counties comprising the Sierra Nevada Region. Prior to holding meetings in the Region, the Board met five times in Sacramento and held one meeting there in 2011.

Current Status

The logistics behind carrying out these meetings in the Region have been no small feat. Finding suitable locations has had its challenges, but we have been successful in each county. We have met in fairgrounds, Supervisors' and City Council Chambers, community centers, senior citizens' facilities, veterans halls, hotels, historic buildings, breweries, wineries, church halls, recreational vehicle parks and State facilities. The list of Regional meeting sites is as follows:

2006

Auburn (Placer)

Visalia (Tulare)

Bishop (Inyo)

Chester (Plumas)

2007

Jackson (Amador)

Susanville (Lassen)

Truckee (Nevada)

Nevada City (Nevada)

2008

Bass Lake (Madera)

McArthur (Shasta)

Mammoth Lakes (Mono)

Murphys (Calaveras)

2009

Chico (Butte)

Olympic Valley (Placer)

Lake Isabella (Kern)

2010

Anderson (Shasta)

Markleeville (Alpine)

Sierra City (Sierra)

Columbia (Tuolumne)

2011

Placerville (El Dorado)

Alturas (Modoc)

Fresno (Fresno)

2012

Red Bluff (Tehama)

Lone Pine (Inyo)

Mariposa (Mariposa)

Marysville (Yuba)

A note of appreciation is in order to all SNC staff for their hard work in arranging and carrying out each of these meetings. The Mt. Lassen and Mt. Whitney Area staff have played an important role in assisting with meeting site selection, set up and the field tours. SNC administration staff has provided support in securing contract agreements and providing other support. A special thanks to Theresa Burgess, Board Liaison, and David Madrigal, IT Analyst, for their outstanding work in ensuring that our meetings have went off smoothly.

We would also like to acknowledge our many partners who have assisted with the field tours and receptions that have become such an important part of our meeting schedule. Their support and assistance has truly captured the Sierra spirit of partnership, and we are greatly appreciative.

And of course, you can't have Board meetings without Boardmembers. Traveling throughout this Region is not easy, and the SNC is fortunate to have committed Boardmembers who have ensured that a quorum has never been a problem, no matter how remote the location. Thanks to Chairs Mike Chrisman and B.J. Kirwan, as well as the occasional pinch hitting Vice Chairs, for getting us through our agendas in an efficient and productive manner.

A very special acknowledgement to Boardmember Bob Kirkwood, who has a perfect attendance record, not only attending meetings in all 22 counties, but all Board meetings since the organization's inception.

Next Steps

In June of 2013, the road tour will continue.

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.