

### **Background**

In December 2016, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) Governing Board unanimously passed a motion delegating authority to the Executive Officer to approve and execute grants using any remaining Proposition 84 funds contingent upon the following criteria: 1) Align with all Proposition 84 requirements; 2) Meet the goals and objectives of the WIP; 3) Contribute to innovative development and planning of projects that increase the pace and scale of watershed restoration or use of forest products in the Tahoe-Central Sierra Initiative Area; and, 4) Be reported at regularly scheduled Board meetings. Based on information available at the time of the authorization, approximately \$175,000 remained available for grants under this delegated authority. To date, one grant has been awarded for \$100,000 under this authority (see [Agenda Item IX](#)).

### **Current Status**

The end of fiscal year 2016-17 brought the closeout of 74 Proposition 84 projects. Of the 74 projects, 55 closed below their budgeted amounts, so now there is a total of \$250,000 that is available to spend on local assistance.

Since there are more funds remaining than first known, and since there are eligible opportunities for innovation throughout the SNC region, staff is now recommending that the existing delegated authority be modified to include the entire SNC jurisdiction. All other requirements of the Executive Officer's delegated authority would remain unchanged.

### **Next Steps**

If authorized, staff will continue to work with partners in the region to identify high-quality projects that meet the requirements listed above and will report to the Board on all grants awarded.

### **Recommendation**

**Staff recommends approving the modification to existing authority delegated to the Executive Officer to include the entire SNC jurisdiction for consideration of awarding grants of remaining Proposition 84 funds, consistent with all other remaining criteria.**