



Board Meeting Agenda March 4 – 5, 2020 Sacramento, CA

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Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program Summit

California Natural Resources Agency – Auditorium
1416 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

The Sierra Nevada Region provides services and benefits to all Californians. The forests sequester carbon, protect and improve the state's water supply and quality, support biodiversity and wildlife habitat, and provide millions of acres of outdoor access opportunities. However, climate change impacts threaten all of these values. Join California Natural Resources Agency Secretary, Wade Crowfoot, for a panel discussion about the environmental, social, and economic challenges and opportunities facing the Region from a changing climate and stay for a presentation of the "Roadmap to Resilience" planning framework developed by the Tahoe-Central Sierra Initiative science foundation.

12:30 PM – 1:45 PM

CNRA Secretary Speaker Series: Stewarding the Sierra Nevada Amidst Climate Change

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

The Tahoe-Central Sierra Initiative: A Roadmap to Resilience

March 5, 2020

Board Meeting

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (End time is approximate)

California Department of Food and Agriculture Auditorium
1220 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Oath of Office for New Boardmembers**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Approval of December 12, 2019, Meeting Minutes (ACTION)**

5. Board Chair's Report

6. Executive Officer's Report (INFORMATIONAL)

- a. Executive Officer Update
- b. Administrative Update
- c. Policy and Outreach Update
- d. Field Operations and Grants // Attachment A // Attachment B

7. Board Receptions (ACTION)

The Board may act to change SNC's Public Board Reception Policy.

8. Plumas National Forest Good Neighbor Agreement Moonlight Fire Area Restoration Project (ACTION) // Figure 1 // Plumas National Forest GNA Notice of Exemption

The Board may take action to adopt the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption to enable restoration tree planting under the Plumas National Forest Good Neighbor Agreement.

9. Forest Health Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 Grant Award Recommendations (ACTION)

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

- a. #1205 the *Ishi Fire Restoration Project* in Tehama County in the amount of \$100,000 to the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- b. #1210 the *Improving Landscape and Watershed Health through Restoring Fire Regimes in Lassen Volcanic National Park: Phase Two* project in Lassen and Plumas Counties in the amount of \$874,699 to the Sierra Institute for Community and the Environment with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- c. #1220 the *Round Mountain Landscape Resilience Project* in Nevada County in the amount of \$100,000 to the Yuba Watershed Institute with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- d. #1221 the *Little Deer Creek Landscape Resilience Project* in Nevada County in the amount of \$75,000 to the Yuba Watershed Institute with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- e. #1222 the *Inimim Forest Restoration Project – Phase 2* in Nevada County in the amount of \$1,000,000 to the Yuba Watershed Institute with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- f. #1224 the *Little Grass Valley Reservoir Watershed Protection II* project in Plumas County in the amount of \$459,792 to the United States Forest Service, Plumas National Forest with a CEQA Notice of Determination.
- g. #1225 the *Cohasset Watershed Forest Resilience Project* in Butte County in the amount of \$100,000 to the Butte County Fire Safe Council with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.

- h. #1226 the *Fuels Reduction in Bummerville, Calaveras County* project in Calaveras County in the amount of \$55,660 to the Calaveras Healthy Impact Product Solutions with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- i. #1227 the *June Mountain Fuels Reduction and Keystone System Restoration Project, Phase II* in Mono County in the amount of \$458,673 to California Trout with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- j. #1228 the *UC Forestry Camp Fuels Reduction and Forest Restoration Demonstration Project* in Plumas County in the amount of \$99,952 to the Regents of the University of California, Berkeley Forests with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- k. #1232 the *Phase II Lakes Basin Forest Health* project in Plumas County in the amount of \$999,997 to the Plumas County Fire Safe Council with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- l. #1234 the *Independence Fuels Thinning and Forest Health Restoration* project in Sierra County in the amount of \$619,482 to the Truckee River Watershed Council with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- m. #1251 the *AmCo Stewardship – Mokelumne Community Forest* project in Amador County in the amount of \$95,295 to the Amador Fire Safe Council with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- n. #1254 the *Hoyt-Purdon Fuel Reduction and Prescribed Fire Project* in Nevada County in the amount of \$99,990 to American Rivers with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- o. #1257 the *Arnold-Avery Healthy Forest Restoration* project in Calaveras County in the amount of \$1,000,000 to the United States Forest Service, Stanislaus National Forest with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- p. #1263 the *Greene Acres Forest Health Planning Project* in Sierra County in the amount of \$100,000 to the County of Sierra with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- q. #1268 the *Badger Restoration Project* in Shasta County in the amount of \$100,000 to United States Forest Service, Lassen National Forest with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.

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

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

- a. #1196-RC the *Sierra Nevada Regional Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment* project across the Sierra Nevada Conservancy region in the amount of \$191,655 to the Sierra Business Council with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- b. #1270-RC the *Advancing Community-Scale Wood Energy in Plumas County* project in Plumas County in the amount of \$937,075 to the Sierra Institute for Community and the Environment with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- c. #1272-RC the *Mammoth Lakes Resilient Community and Forests Project* in Mono County in the amount of \$339,534 to Plumas Corporation with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.

11. Strategic Land Conservation Proposition 68 Grant Award Recommendations (ACTION)

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

- a. #1152-LC the *Hanning Flat Acquisition Project* in Kern County in the amount of \$1,000,000 to the Trust for Public Land with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- b. #1153-LC the *Mountain Meadows Conservation Project* in Lassen County in the amount of \$756,920 to the Trust for Public Land with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- c. #1154-LC the *Grizzly Creek* project in Plumas County in the amount of \$1,000,000 to Sierra Nevada Journeys with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- d. #1159-LC the *Kramer Ranch Strategic Land Conservation Easement* in Lassen and Modoc Counties in the amount of \$500,000 to the California Rangeland Trust with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- e. #1165-LC the *Laursen South Preserve Expansion and Trail Connection Project* in Placer County in the amount of \$1,000,000 to the Placer Land Trust with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- f. #1182-LC the *Mariposa Creek Parkway Acquisition Project* in Mariposa County in the amount of \$491,500 to Mariposa County with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.
- g. #1189-LC the *Lewis Ranch – Greenwood Creek Conservation Area* project in El Dorado County in the amount of \$1,000,000 to the American River Conservancy with a CEQA Notice of Exemption.

12. Boardmembers' Comments

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

13. 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.

14. 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).