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Sierra Nevada Conservancy Summit

Interest on a Past-Due Bill: Funding Watershed Restoration and Forest Health

Please join us on Wednesday, March 1, 2017

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

CalEPA Headquarters Building, Byron Sher Auditorium

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Sacramento, CA 95814

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Members of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) Board and staff, and leadership of the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Region 5, will be joined for this year's Summit by representatives of other state, federal, and local agencies, as well as a wide range of stakeholders to learn about innovative approaches to funding watershed restoration in the Sierra Nevada Region.

DRAFT AGENDA

10:00 Welcome (SNC and USFS)

State of the Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program and the need for investment in watershed restoration

10:20 State of Sierra Watersheds

Discussion on the status of watershed restoration investment in the Sierra Nevada

- Financial tools already in use, as markers of success to build on
- Watershed investment benefits all of California.
- How are we doing in meeting watershed restoration needs?

10:40 Looking Forward: Investment in Ecosystem Services

As climate change continues to affect Sierra watersheds and forests, how can Sierra interests be more relevant to urban populations and their representatives?

11:10 Rural/Urban Connection: How Do We Raise All Boats?

How do we bridge the rural/urban divide in a way that benefits both interests?

12:00 Break for lunch

1:00 Reconvene

Short summary of what was discussed before lunch, and implications for the future of the Sierra

1:10 Implementation Insights (Panel Discussion)

What are the keys to success in places where downstream investment has been secured and projects successfully implemented? What are some of the new, innovative investment models?

1:45 Water Public Goods Charge (Overview)

Introduction to the public goods charge (PGC) discussion, ensuring a common understanding of the concept as well as understanding how it works in the energy sector.

2:00 Watershed Investment Discussion: Public Goods Charge (Panel Discussion)

What are the pros and cons of a PGC for water?
How do watersheds figure into the discussion?

3:30 Wrap Up, Final Questions, and Next Steps

Review findings, next steps, and gaps left by the conversations we had today.

4:00 Adjourn

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