

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY**

**Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Program Safe Drinking Water,  
Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Act of  
2006 (Proposition 84)**

**Applicant:** NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL LAND TRUST  
**Project Title:** LITTLE CHICO CREEK APPRAISAL PROJECT  
**Subregion:** NORTH CENTRAL  
**County:** BUTTE  
**SNC Funding:** \$20,000.00  
**Total Project Cost:** \$20,000.00  
**Application Number:** 446  
**Final Score:** 91.6

**PROJECT SCOPE**

The Little Chico Creek Appraisal Project will facilitate the acquisition and eventual connection of four large, private properties (totaling approximately 414 acres) within the Little Chico Creek Watershed in eastern Butte County to 176 acres of land that is already owned and protected by the Department of Fish and Game (DFG). This grant funds the completion of 4 separate appraisals on these private properties that will result in the protection of approximately 590 contiguous acres and 2 river miles of riverine/riparian habitat within the Little Chico Creek Watershed.

This project fits into the larger-scale effort of the Tuscan Headwaters Project, which was previously funded by SNC. The Tuscan Headwaters Project consists of coordinated outreach and collaboration effort between Northern California Regional Land Trust (NCRLT) and eight local watershed conservation groups in Butte and Tehama Counties that is resulting in significantly increased stakeholder awareness of permanent watershed protection in the Tuscan Region.

(APNs: 056-390-35, 056-390-36, 056-390-37, 056-390-38, 063-020-012, 063-020-051)

## PROJECT SCHEDULE

<b>DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES</b>	<b>TIMELINE</b>
Completed Appraisals on 4 private properties	August 2011
<b>FINAL REPORT/FINAL PAYMENT REQUEST</b>	<b>October 2011</b>

## PROJECT COSTS

<b>PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES</b>	<b>TOTAL SNC FUNDING</b>
Direct Cost – Appraisal Fees (4 @\$5,000 each)	\$20,000.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>

## PROJECT SUPPORT LETTERS

- Department of Fish and Game, North Central Region
- Little Chico Creek Working Group

## PROJECT PERFORMANCE MEASURES

There are four Performance Measures common to all grants. In addition, grantees are required to include between one and three project-specific measures. Performance Measures listed here represent those proposed by applicants and may be modified through further discussion with SNC staff.

- Number of Collaboratively Developed Plans and Assessments



## PROJECT SUMMARY

**County:** Butte County

**Applicant:** Northern California Regional Land Trust

**Project Title:** Little Chico Creek Appraisal Project

## PROJECT GOAL

The Little Chico Creek Appraisal Project (Project) represents an opportunity to encourage and facilitate the connection of four large, private properties (totaling approximately 414 acres) within the Little Chico Creek Watershed in eastern Butte County to 176 acres of land that is already owned and protected by the Department of Fish and Game (DFG). The Northern California Regional Land Trust (NCRLT) is requesting \$20,000 in grant funds from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) in order to facilitate the completion of 4 separate appraisals on the private properties mentioned above. By securing appraisal services for the connecting properties, this Project will result in the protection of approximately 590 contiguous acres and 2 river miles of riverine/riparian habitat within the Little Chico Creek Watershed in the future through conservation easements. Successful implementation of the Project will result in the protection and conservation of the region's physical, cultural, archaeological, historical, and living resources.

The Project also represents a great opportunity to contribute to the overall goals of Proposition 84 by protecting 414 acres that are adjacent to 176 acres of land that is already owned and protected by DFG. This will result in the permanent protection of approximately 590 contiguous acres in the Little Chico Creek Watershed, as well as the associated land, water, and other natural resources, including the Tuscan Aquifer, by protecting them from development and ensuring that the conservation values of the connecting properties remain intact.

## PROJECT SCOPE

This proposal is the first step in acquiring the resources necessary to complete the "Little Chico Creek Linkage Project". Securing funding for appraisal services from SNC in March 2011 will facilitate the completion of appraisals as early as June/July 2011. With completed appraisals for the properties, NCRLT would then be able to submit applications for conservation easement funding in the fall of 2011.

This Project fits into the larger-scale effort of the Tuscan Headwaters Project, which was previously funded by SNC. The Tuscan Headwaters Project consists of coordinated outreach and collaboration effort between NCRLT and eight local watershed



conservation groups in Butte and Tehama counties that is resulting in significantly increased stakeholder awareness of permanent watershed protection in the Tuscan Region through the use of conservation easements.

**LETTERS OF SUPPORT**

- Jenny Marr, Staff Environmental Scientist – California Department of Fish and Game
- Ken Keller, Coordinator – Little Chico Creek Working Group

**SNC PROJECT DELIVERABLES AND SCHEDULE**

<b>DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES</b>	<b>TIMELINE</b>
INCLUDE SPECIFIC TASKS IDENTIFIED IN SCOPE AND ALL REPORTS, ETC.	ASSUME START DATE 60 DAYS AFTER SNC BOARD AUTHORIZATION
Completed Appraisals on 4 private properties	August 2011

**SNC PROJECT COSTS**

<b>PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES</b>	<b>TOTAL SNC FUNDING</b>
Direct Cost – Appraisal Fees (4 @ \$5,000 each)	\$20,000.00
	\$
	\$
<b>SNC GRANT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>