



**Board Meeting Agenda**  
**December 3-4, 2008**

**December 3, 2008**  
**Field Trip**

**12:00 - 5:00 PM**

Members of the Board and staff will participate in a field trip focusing on issues and activities relevant to the Conservancy's mission in the South Central Subregion. The field trip will begin at Ironstone Vineyards in the Heritage Room at 12:00 PM. Members of the public are invited to participate in the field trip but are responsible for their own lunch and transportation. Limited space on the bus may be available, please call (530) 823-4672 to determine availability. The public is welcome to attend a reception following the field trip at Ironstone Vineyards.

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**December 4, 2008**  
**Ironstone Vineyards Conference Center**  
**Heritage Room, Second Floor**  
**1894 Six Mile Road**  
**Murphys, CA 95247**

**9:00AM**

**(Agenda Items may be taken out of order)**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Oath of Office for New Boardmembers**
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. Approval of October 2, 2008 Meeting Minutes**
- V. Public Comments**

Provide an opportunity for the public to comment on non-agenda items.
- VI. Chairman's Report (INFORMATIONAL)**
  - a. State Budget Update
  - b. Report from Future Funding Board Committee (Wilensky and Sher)
  - c. Subregional Representatives for 2009-10
- VII. Election of Vice Chair**

The Board will elect a Vice Chair for 2009.

## **VIII. Executive Officer's Report (INFORMATIONAL)**

- a. Budget/Staffing Update
- b. Sierra Nevada License Plate Update
- c. Northern Sierra Partnership Overview
- d. Stewardship Council Update
- e. Outreach Activities
- f. County Board of Supervisors Presentations

## **IX. Deputy Attorney General's Report (INFORMATIONAL)**

### **X. Proposed Amendments to SNC's Conflict of Interest (ACTION)**

The Board will receive public comments, consider the proposed amendments, and provide direction to staff concerning action on the proposed amendments to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Conflict of Interest Code.

### **XI. 2009-10 Grant Allocation (ACTION)**

Staff will provide the Board with a recommendation on the allocation of Proposition 84 funds for 2009-10 (contingent upon appropriation). The Board may provide direction to the staff to proceed on an allocation plan for 2009-10, to be integrated into Grants Guidelines for 2009-10.

### **XII. Strategic Plan Update (ACTION)**

The Board will review and may take action on draft recommended changes to the SNC's Strategic Plan.

### **XIII. Strategic Opportunity Grants (ACTION)**

The Board will review and may authorize Strategic Opportunity Grants listed in Attachment A of this agenda.

### **XIV. Boardmembers' Comments**

### **XV. Public Comments**

### **XVI. Adjournment**

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Meeting Materials are available on the SNC website at [www.sierranevada.ca.gov](http://www.sierranevada.ca.gov). For additional information or to submit written comment on any agenda item, please contact Mrs. Burgess at (530) 823-4672 or [tburgess@sierranevada.ca.gov](mailto:tburgess@sierranevada.ca.gov). or 11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205, Auburn CA 95603. If you need reasonable accommodations please contact Mrs. Burgess at least *five* working days in advance, including documents in alternative formats.

**Closed Session:** Following, or at any time during the meeting, the Conservancy may recess or adjourn to closed session to consider pending or potential litigation; property negotiations; or personnel-related matters. Authority: Government Code Section 11126(a), (c) (7), or (e).

Agenda Attachment A  
RECOMMENDED STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS  
December 4, 2008

Subregion	Reference #	County	Project Title	Grantee Organization	Amount Recommended
Region-wide	SNC 080082	Region-wide	The Great Sierra River Clean Up	South Yuba River Citizens League	\$76,900
	SNC 080207	Region-wide	Regional Approach for Water Reuse	Amador Water Agency	\$270,000
<b>Region-Wide Sum</b>					<b>\$346,900</b>
East	SNC 080119	Alpine	East Carson River Riparian Restoration Project	USFS - Humboldt-Toiyabe NF	\$35,000
	SNC 080181	Inyo	Inyo Complex Post-Fire Watershed Recovery	Bureau of Land Management Bishop Field Office	\$34,300
	SNC 080185	Mono	Parks and Recreation and Trail System Master Plans Program Environmental Impact Report	Town of Mammoth Lakes	\$185,535
	SNC 080210	Inyo	Jack Laws in Eastern Sierra Classrooms	Friends of the Inyo	\$10,611
<b>East Sum</b>					<b>\$265,446</b>
South	SNC 080109	Kern	Bob Powers Gateway Preserve Strategic Plan	Kern River Valley Heritage Foundation	\$71,000
	SNC 080116	Kern	Sand Canyon Environmental Education Program	Mojave Desert-Mountain Resource Conservation and Development Council	\$34,051
	SNC 080189	Madera	Fine Gold Creek Riparian Fencing	Sierra Foothill Conservancy	\$100,000
	SNC 080226	Tulare	Restoration of Mountain Yellow-legged Frogs in SEKI: Pre-Project Due Diligence	Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks	\$49,900
<b>South Sum</b>					<b>\$254,951</b>
South Central	SNC 080029	Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne	Central Sierra Watershed Education Program	Central Sierra Resource Conservation and Development Council	\$98,700
	SNC 080101	Tuolumne	Phoenix Lake Preservation and Restoration	Tuolumne Utilities District	\$100,000
	SNC 080193	Mariposa	Mariposa School Forest Project	Mariposa County Economic Development Corporation	\$50,000
	SNC 080199	Amador, El Dorado	Cosumnes Watershed Home Yard Audits	California Association of Resource Conservation Districts	\$35,900
	SNC 080205	Mariposa	Post-Fire Invasive Weed Management in the Upper Merced River Watershed	Upper Merced River Watershed Council	\$60,500
<b>South Central Sum</b>					<b>\$345,100</b>
Central	SNC 080012	Nevada, Placer	Bear Valley Meadow: Restoring Cultural and Ecological Integrity	American Rivers	\$107,000
	SNC 080081	Yuba	Forbestown Fuel Break Environmental Compliance	High Sierra Resource Conservation and Development Council	\$22,000
	SNC 080087	El Dorado	Watersheds: Human Connections	American River Conservancy	\$65,000
	SNC 080092	Nevada	Nevada City Environs Trail and Restoration Project	Friends of Deer Creek	\$207,345
	SNC 080149	El Dorado	Hazel Meadow Restoration Project	El Dorado Irrigation District	\$66,116
	SNC 080170	Nevada	Final Planning and Design for the Trout Creek Pocket Park Restoration Project	Mountain Area Preservation Foundation	\$93,500
	SNC 080163B	El Dorado	Sierra Nevada Rangeland 2008 Pre-Project Due Diligence Tasks Penobscot Ranch	California Rangeland Trust	\$11,675
<b>Central Sum</b>					<b>\$572,636</b>
North	SNC 080151	Lassen	101 Ranch Conservation Easement	Lassen Land & Trails Trust	\$40,000
	SNC 080213	Lassen	South Ash Valley Riparian Monitoring Project	Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc.	\$50,000
	SNC 080220	Lassen, Shasta	Lower Beaver Creek Planning Project	Fall River Resource Conservation District	\$82,700
	SNC 080222	Modoc	Lower Rose Creek Restoration Project	Pit Resource Conservation District	\$47,490
	SNC 080223	Modoc	Mason/Monchamp/Balcom Streambank Stabilization and Floodplain Enhancement Project	Pit Resource Conservation District	\$188,390
<b>North Sum</b>					<b>\$408,580</b>
North Central	SNC 080041	Plumas	Plumas County Fire Safe Council Community Hazardous Fuel Reduction Planning	Plumas County Fire Safe Council	\$72,000
	SNC 080131	Sierra	Jamison Ranch Conservation Easement	The Pacific Forest Trust	\$50,000
	SNC 080156	Sierra	Dotta Property Fee Title Acquisition	Feather River Land Trust	\$200,000
	SNC 080165	Plumas	Feather River Watershed Stewardship and Education	Plumas Corporation - Feather River Coordinated Resource Management	\$99,544
	SNC 080163A	Plumas	Sierra Nevada Rangeland 2008 Pre-Project Due Diligence Tasks Key Brand Ranch	California Rangeland Trust	\$12,675
<b>North Central Sum</b>					<b>\$434,219</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>					<b>\$2,627,832</b>

Agenda Attachment B  
 NOT RECOMMENDED\* STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS  
 December 4, 2008

Rank	Subregion	Reference #	County	Project Title	Grantee Organization	Amount Requested
<b>Medium**</b>	Region-Wide	SNC 080018	Region-wide	Sierra Nevada Conservancy/Fish and Wildlife Service Partnership Coordinator	US Fish and Wildlife Service, Habitat Restoration Division	\$82,300
		SNC 080028	Alpine, Amador, Calaveras	Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Planning and Development Project	Central Sierra Resource Conservation and Development Council	\$216,900
		SNC 080037	Shasta, Tehama	Battle Creek Watershed Assessment and Management Plan	Tehama County Resource Conservation District	\$185,050
		SNC 080040	Butte, Nevada, Plumas, Sierra, Yuba	Abandoned Mine Lands Watershed Assessment Model: North and Middle Yuba Rivers	Department of Toxic Substances Control	\$500,000
		SNC 080080	Region-wide	The Conifer Classroom	California Community Forests Foundation	\$25,900
		SNC 080090	Butte, El Dorado, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Tehama, Yuba	Collaborative Land Conservation and Conservation Capacity	Resources Legacy Fund	\$190,000
		SNC 080128	Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mariposa	Place-based Community Design Templates for the Sierra Nevada	Local Government Commission	\$362,400
		SNC 080134	Region-wide	Web-based Tools and Training Workshops for Evaluating Fuel Treatment Options in the Sierra Nevada Region	The Regents of the University of California- Berkeley	\$249,800
		SNC 080148	Nevada, Placer, El Dorado, Calaveras	Restoring Natural Reservoirs: Determining Priority Actions in the Sierra Nevada	Natural Heritage Institute	\$179,200
		SNC 080166	Region-wide	Condition Assessment and Restoration Needs for Montane Meadows in the Sierra Nevada	Colorado State University, Office of Sponsored Programs	\$245,828
		SNC 080176	Region-wide	Connecting Sierra Nevada Communities and Landscapes	The Regents of the University of California Office of Research, Sponsored Programs	\$298,300
		SNC 080178	Region-wide	Rivers of California-- Book Project	Heyday Institute	\$50,000
		SNC 080180	Alpine, Amador, Calaveras	Septic System Management Program for the Upper Mokelumne River Watershed	Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority	\$360,000
		SNC 080184	El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sierra, Yuba	Welcome to the Foothills, A Guide to Living Lightly in ___ County	High Sierra Resource Conservation and Development Council	\$80,000
		SNC 080187	Region-wide	Sierra Nevada Classroom Project-2	California Institute for Biodiversity	\$123,000
		SNC 080188	Madera, Placer	Sierra Nevada Adaptive Management Project Phase 2	The Regents of the University of California Office of Research, Sponsored Programs	\$127,000
		SNC 080197	Amador, El Dorado	Implementation Plan for Grey Water Systems in the Consumnes Watershed	California Association of Resource Conservation Districts	\$31,900
		SNC 080206	Region-wide	Sierra Green Community Forestry Working Circle Partnership (Sierra Green)	Friends of the River Foundation	\$450,000
		SNC 080212	Region-wide	Evaluating Steroid Hormone Occurrence, Fate and Transport on Grazing Rangelands in the Sierra Nevada Region	Board of Regents, NSHE, on behalf of the University of Nevada Reno	\$179,925
		SNC 080215	Region-wide	Sierra Nevada Carbon Cooperative	Sierra Business Council	\$320,000
SNC 080216	Region-wide	Sierra Nevada Hydroelectric License Implementation Project	Friends of the River	\$97,250		
<b>Region-Wide Sum</b>						<b>\$4,354,753</b>
East		SNC 080208	Mono	MLTPA Trails Plan Implementation Program 2008	Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation	\$158,200
		SNC 080211	Mono	Monitoring Effects of Habitat Restoration on Breeding Songbirds and Waterfowl at Adobe Valley Ranch	PRBO Conservation Science	\$16,000
		SNC 080225	Mono	Hydrological Modeling of Upper Owens River Watershed	Cal Trout	\$306,000
		SNC 080227	Inyo	LivingWise Program	High Sierra Energy Foundation	\$20,080
<b>East Sum</b>						<b>\$500,280</b>
South		SNC 080036	Fresno, Madera	Documenting Motor Vehicle Impacts on Watersheds, Wildlife and Forest Visitors	The Wilderness Society - California/Nevada Regional Office	\$68,000
		SNC 080110	Kern	Riverside Whitewater Park	Kern River Valley Council	\$100,000
		SNC 080115	Kern	A Guide to Living Lightly in the Southern Sierras	Mojave Desert-Mountain Resource Conservation and Development Council	\$18,700
		SNC 080136	Madera	Sustainable Vegetation Management Pilot Program Planning Grant	Coarsegold Resource Conservation District	\$35,200
		SNC 080175	Tulare	Long Meadow Trail Environmental Pre-Project Due Diligence	Community Services Employment Training, Inc.	\$199,778
		SNC 080186	Fresno	Kings River Experimental Watershed: Research on Stream Water Quality and Forest Restoration in the	USFS - Pacific Southwest Research Station	\$439,500
<b>South Sum</b>						<b>\$861,178</b>
South Central		SNC 080130	Tuolumne	Quantifying Eighty Years of Change at the Stanislaus-Tuolumne Experimental Forest: Implications for Restoring Biodiversity and Resilience to Fire in the Sierra Nevada	US Department of Agriculture - Forest Service Pacific Southwest Research Station	\$108,864
		SNC 080177	Mariposa	Wildlink	Yosemite Institute	\$87,000
		SNC 080182	Mariposa	Merced River Center at Briceburg, Phase II Education and Displays	Upper Merced River Watershed Council	\$246,200
		SNC 080191	Mariposa	Watershed Classroom for Yosemite National Park	Yosemite Association	\$89,800
		SNC 080192	Amador	Green Energy Water Conversion Project	Amador Water Agency	\$500,000
		SNC 080202	Tuolumne	Projects Coordinator - Tuolumne County Integrated Regional Watershed Management Program	Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District	\$328,000
SNC 080204	Tuolumne	Tuolumne County Land Trust Capacity Building and Critical Acquisition Planning	Tuolumne County Land Trust	\$23,200		
<b>South Central Sum</b>						<b>\$1,383,064</b>
Central		SNC 080006	Placer	Fish and Habitat Response to the Natural Flow Regime of the North Fork American River: Establishing a Reference Site for the Northern Sierra Nevada Range	Regents of the University of California- Davis	\$441,198
		SNC 080010	Nevada	Strategies for Sierra Rivers and Water Supply in a Changing Climate	American Rivers	\$174,200
		SNC 080014	Nevada	Landowner Outreach and Education Program	Nevada County Land Trust	\$45,000
		SNC 080021	Placer	Waterway Protection Education	Placer County Department of Public Works	\$116,000
		SNC 080032	Nevada, Placer, Yuba	Yuba, Bear and American Rivers Relicensing Coordination - Concept Proposal to the SNC for Incorporation into the CHRC Submission to the SNC	Foothills Water Network	\$50,000

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	SNC 080034	Placer	Current and Historical Condition of Headwater Streams and Riparian Zones in the Upper North Fork of the American River	Sierra Nevada Research Center	\$235,000	
	SNC 080091	Nevada	Working Landscape Transaction Management Project	Nevada County Land Trust	\$87,500	
	SNC 080097	El Dorado	Conservation Vision and Action Plan	American River Conservancy	\$16,550	
	SNC 080098	Nevada	Yuba River Narrows Habitat Restoration Planning	Yuba County Resource Conservation District	\$179,700	
	SNC 080124	Placer	Placer Sierra Fire Safe Council Fuels Reduction Project Phase I	Placer County Resource Conservation District	\$266,000	
	SNC 080129	Placer	Open Space Fire Prevention, Vegetation Management and Watershed Protection Prescribed Grazing Project	City of Rocklin	\$102,000	
	SNC 080144	El Dorado, Nevada, Placer	Recognizing Your Watershed - Watershed Signage Placement	Nevada County Resource Conservation District	\$36,850	
	SNC 080183	Placer	Study of Donner Summit Region Watershed	Serene Lakes Donner Summit Conservation Association	\$329,400	
	SNC 080195	El Dorado, Nevada, Placer	Quantifying Sediment Delivery From Native Roads, Diversion Ditches, and Mines within the Yuba, Bear, American and Cosumnes River Watersheds to Identify and Prioritize Future Restoration Projects	California Association of Resource Conservation Districts	\$395,500	
	SNC 080196	Nevada	Deer Creek Watershed Mercury Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Plan	Friends of Deer Creek	\$375,000	
	SNC 080219	Placer	Developing Greenville High School Natural Resources Academy's Field Research and Watershed Program	Sierra Institute for Community and Environment	\$85,500	
<b>Central Sum</b>					<b>\$2,935,398</b>	
North	SNC 080003	Shasta	Bear Creek Fractured-rock Groundwater Study	Western Shasta Resource Conservation District	\$49,869	
	SNC 080007	Lassen	Restoring Rangeland Watershed and Fisheries: Pine Creek Watershed and Eagle Lake Rainbow Trout	The Regents of the University of California- Davis	\$217,560	
	SNC 080152	Modoc	Watershed Restoration Evaluation Project	Central Modoc Resource Conservation District	\$47,600	
	SNC 080201	Shasta	Triple B Ranch Due Diligence	Shasta Land Trust	\$12,650	
	SNC 080214	Lassen	Shaffer Sage-Grouse Lek Land Appraisal	Bureau of Land Management Eagle Lake Field Office	\$11,500	
	SNC 080217	Modoc	Highway 139 Watershed Interpretation Project	Modoc National Forest	\$45,200	
	SNC 080221	Shasta	Rough Sculpin Distribution and Habitat Surveys	Fall River Resource Conservation District	\$100,850	
<b>North Sum</b>					<b>\$485,229</b>	
North Central	SNC 080074	Butte	Community Coordination, Soil Erosion Education, and Implementation	Yankee Hill Fire Safe Council	\$95,796	
	SNC 080093	Plumas	Lakes Basin Trail and Watershed Restoration	Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship	\$206,500	
	SNC 080155	Plumas	Improving Public Access and Educational Opportunities on Feather River Land Trust Properties	Feather River Land Trust	\$28,085	
	SNC 080167	Plumas	Healthy Trails and Watershed Planning Project	Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship	\$44,200	
	SNC 080179	Plumas	Eastside Meadow Restoration Project Development	Feather River Coordinated Resource Management	\$100,000	
<b>North Central Sum</b>					<b>\$474,581</b>	
<b>Medium Sum</b>					<b>\$10,994,483</b>	
Low***	South	SNC 080053	Fresno	Musick Creek Watershed Protection Project, Part 4	Sierra Music and Arts Institute	\$90,000
		SNC 080100	Kern, Tulare	Review and Study for Possible Revision of the Comprehensive Management Plan for the North and South Forks of the Wild and Scenic River	US Forest Service, Kern River Ranger District	\$145,000
		SNC 080120	Kern	Indian Wells Valley Remote Well Rehabilitation Project 2008	Eastern Kern County Resource Conservation District	\$61,600
		SNC 080200	Kern	Fencing Willow Springs Pond	Mojave Desert-Mountain Resource Conservation and Development Council	\$16,590
<b>South Sum</b>					<b>\$313,190</b>	
South Central	SNC 080194	Tuolumne	Pine Mountain Lake Woody Biomass Utilization Feasibility Study	Yosemite Foothills Fire Safe Council	\$9,200	
<b>South Central Sum</b>					<b>\$9,200</b>	
Central	SNC 080039	Yuba	Roadside Fuel Reduction	County of Yuba - Department of Public Works	\$182,490	
	SNC 080122	Placer	"You and Your Forests" a How to Guide and Defensible Space and Healthy Forest Handbook	Placer County Resource Conservation District	\$10,000	
	SNC 080168	Yuba	Yuba County Residential Chipping Program	High Sierra Resource Conservation and Development Council	\$130,000	
	SNC 080203	Placer	Placer Legacy Outreach Program	Placer County Planning Department	\$30,000	
<b>Central Sum</b>					<b>\$352,490</b>	
North	SNC 080150	Modoc	Defensible Space-Landowner Assistance Program	Modoc Fire Safe Council	\$116,200	
	SNC 080153	Modoc	Modoc County Noxious Weed Eradication Aerial Treatment Project	Modoc County Department of Agriculture	\$54,000	
	SNC 080164	Shasta	HCVFSC - Cassel Concern #1 - 18 Acre Fuel Break	Fall River Resource Conservation District on behalf of Hat Creek Valley Fire Safe Council	\$42,428	
	SNC 080218	Lassen	Environmental Clearances for the Dodge Reservoir Sage-Grouse Habitat Restoration Project	Bureau of Land Management - Eagle Lake Field Office	\$36,500	
<b>North Sum</b>					<b>\$249,128</b>	
North Central	SNC 080063	Butte	Applying Lessons Learned: Watershed Fire Stewardship Education Project	Butte County Firesafe Council	\$39,900	
	SNC 080190	Plumas	FRC Hatchery Fish Transport Project	Feather River College Hatchery	\$59,248	
<b>North Central Sum</b>					<b>\$99,148</b>	
<b>Low Sum</b>					<b>\$1,023,156</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>					<b>\$12,017,639</b>	

\* SOG applications that were not recommended for funding in this first round remain active for the second round, with projects in the Medium category having the highest potential for possible funding depending on mix of new applications received.

\*\* Applications listed under the Medium ranking generally met Proposition 84 objectives and contributed to the mission of SNC, but either didn't rank as high on other criteria or are being held back for consideration in the second round because they didn't address on-the-ground projects.

\*\*\* Applications in the Low ranking generally did not exhibit as strong a tie to Proposition 84 or the SNC mission or didn't compete as successfully on other fundamental evaluation criteria.