

Sierra Nevada Conservancy-Progress Report

**Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Program
Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control
River and Coastal Protection Act of 2008 (Proposition 84)**

Grantee Name: GreenInfo Network

Project title: Watersheds and Protected Lands for the Sierra Nevada

SNC Reference Number: SNC #G0770017 **Submittal Date:** 3/28/11__

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Check one:

6-Month Progress Report

Final Report

<p>6-Month Progress Reports should reflect the previous six months. Final Reports should reflect the entire grant period.</p>

A. Progress Report Summary: (Please provide a general description of work completed during this reporting period.)

This project completed three tasks: 1) development of protected lands GIS inventory for the Sierra (as part of the Calif. Protected Areas Database); 2) development of watershed-based educational materials; and 3) creation of several web-based information portals to be used by SNC.

B. Deliverables or Outcomes completed during this Reporting Period or Milestones Achieved: (Include specific information, such as public meetings held, agency participation, partnerships developed, or acres mapped, treated or restored.)

- a) GIS dataset (CPAD) published, three updates during grant cycle
- b) Map atlas (page, poster and PDF/digital image formats)
- c) Web sites – SNC Maps Tab, Watershed Explorer, ParkInfo Sierra, Grants Map, Great River Cleanup, Zoomable Image Maps

C. Challenges or Opportunities Encountered: (Please describe what has worked and what hasn't; include any solutions you initiated to resolve problems. If your project is not on schedule, please explain why here.)

Two main challenges – the early on interruption due to the State’s fiscal issues created a gap in work progress; and the needs of SNC evolved over the grant period to change the nature of some of our project work. Neither were serious issues, though they did extend by quite a bit the time required to complete all the tasks.

D. Unanticipated Successes Achieved: (Please describe any additional successes beyond completing scheduled tasks or meeting scheduled milestones.)

More work was completed on the web browsers than was originally anticipated.

E. Compare Actual Costs to Budgeted Costs: (Please refer to your grant agreement to list your deliverables/budget categories and budgeted costs compared to actual costs incurred during this reporting period in the table below.)

PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES	Budgeted SNC Dollars	Actual Dollars
Proj 1 – Protected lands GIS data	\$25,920	\$25,684
Proj 2 – Educational materials	\$15,649	\$15,568
Proj 3 – Vistor access/Web portals	\$27,792	\$27,930
Common exps (mgmt)	\$2500	\$2665
GRAND TOTAL	\$71,860	\$71,847

Explanation: (if needed)

The budget for this project was revised several times to fit emerging needs of SNC, the budget shown above is the final approved budget, vs. project expenses.

F. Do you have information to report on the project-specific Performance Measures for your project? (If so, please list the Performance Measures below and describe your progress.)

No, performance is as described in Progress Reports we have submitted; there were no Performance Measures defined in our grant.

G. Were there any other relevant materials produced under the terms of this Agreement that are not a part of the budgeted deliverables? If so, please attach copies. (Include digital photos, maps, media coverage of project, or other work products.)

No – all work products have been previously conveyed to SNC.

H. Next Steps: (Work anticipated in the next 6 months, including location and timing of any scheduled events related to the project.)

None, project is completed– but we have discussed a follow-on proposal with SNC.

Please Complete this Section for FINAL Report ONLY

Capacity-Building Results and Collaboration and Cooperation with Stakeholders:

(What partnerships did you initiate or strengthen as a result of this project? How did they affect the project outcome? If applicable, how did this grant increase your organization's capacity? What is your plan to sustain this increase?)

Stakeholder collaboration was not a part of our grant. Some capacity building did occur with the web sites' development and the protected areas data inventories, but the purpose of the grant was mainly to use our current capacities to create needed products.

Description of Project Accomplishments:

1. Most Significant Accomplishment

Describe in one concise, well-written paragraph, the most significant accomplishment that resulted from this grant.

SNC now has access to comprehensive protected areas GIS data, a complete map-based watershed atlas system and improved tools for educating and engaging the public about the Sierra.

2. WOW Factor

If applicable, please describe anything that happened as a result of the project or during the project that is particularly impressive.

We did a lot for modest funding.

3. Design and Implementation

When considering the design and implementation of this project, what lessons did you learn that might help other grantees implement similar work?

Projects involving work that directly supports SNC benefit from close cooperation with SNC staff, which we had and greatly appreciated.

4. Indirect Impact

Please describe any indirect benefits of the project such as information that has been developed as a result of the project is being used by several other organizations to improve decision-making, or a conservation easement funded by this grant that encouraged other landowners in the area to have conservation easements on their property.

Most of the project outcomes directly supported the Conservancy which would be the appropriate judge of indirect impacts.

5. Collaboration and Conflict Resolution

If you worked in collaboration or cooperation with other organizations or institutions, describe those arrangements and their importance to the project. Also, describe if you encountered conflict in the project and how you dealt with it, or if there was conflict avoided as a result of the project.

Not applicable

6. Capacity-Building

SNC is interested in both the capacity of your organization, as well as local and regional capacity. Please describe the overall health of your organization including areas in need of assistance. SNC is interested in the strength and involvement of your board, significant changes to your staff, size and involvement of membership. In addition, describe how your project improved capabilities of partners, or the larger community.

GreenInfo is generally very healthy and appreciates the SNC grant which enabled it to not only produce good products but also to develop some capacities (data, web mapping, cartography). We don't have a membership but we are always interested in projects that allow us to help non-profit groups and public agencies with GIS support.

7. Challenges

Did the project face internal or external challenges? How were they addressed? Describe each challenge and any actions that you took to address it. Was there something that SNC did or could have done to assist you? Did you have to change any of your key objectives in response to conditions "on the ground"?

As noted above, the shut-down of state funding created some issues, but these were not very serious, just delayed things. Particularly with this one, SNC staff was hugely helpful and kept us completely in the loop.

8. Photographs

Grantees are strongly encouraged to submit photos, slides or digital images whenever possible. These images will be used for SNC publications such as annual reports or on the website. Please make sure you clearly identify location, activity, and your project with each submitted image. Images will be credited to the submitting organization, unless specified otherwise.

Images of our map atlas have been submitted to SNC. Images of the SNC web sites will need to be created when the new SNC web site launches (in early 2011??). There are no specific images of the protected areas data.

9. Post Grant Plans

What are the post-grant plans for the project if it does not conclude with the grant? Include a description of the following (if applicable): (1) Changes in operations or scope; (2) Replication or use of findings; (3) Names of other organizations you expect to involve; (4) Plans to support the project financially, and; (5) Communication plans?

CPAD data continues to have episodic support from public agencies, particularly State Parks, but seeks other support. The SNC web projects may have some further support from SNC.

10. Post Grant Contact

Who can be contacted a few years from now to follow up on the project? Please provide name and contact information.

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SNC-approved Performance Measures: (Please list each Performance Measure for your Project, as identified in your Grant Agreement, and the results/outcomes.)

There were no Performance Measures identified in our grant

Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Program Project Reporting Guidelines

Progress Reports are required periodically throughout the term of the Grant Agreement (Refer to Exhibit B of the Grant Agreement). These reports will allow you and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) to see the degree to which the project is on track and achieving your projected outcomes. Your Progress Reports will further provide the SNC with information that will help us to explain your work to the Board Members and various other audiences. Timing of Progress Reports is specified in the Project Schedule included in Exhibit A of the Grant Agreement, but generally every 6 months until completion of the project.

A Progress Reporting Form is provided to Grantees on the SNC Website. **Six-month Progress Reports** should reflect the previous 6-month period; **Final Reports** should address each question for the entire grant period – looking at the project as a whole.

The form specifies the items you will need to report on. For the Six-Month Interim Report these include, but are not limited to: *A Progress Report Summary of work completed, Deliverables or Outcomes Completed, Challenges or Opportunities Encountered, Unanticipated Successes Achieved, Actual Costs compared to Budgeted Costs, Any Additional Relevant Materials Produced, and Next Steps.*

The Final Report will include additional information, such as: *Resources Leveraged, Capacity-Building Results and Collaboration and Cooperation with Stakeholders, a Description of Project Accomplishments, and SNC Approved Performance Measures.*

Please make sure that you submit complete reports by the dates requested in your Grant Agreement.