

Sierra Nevada Conservancy-Progress Report

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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: Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation District

Project title: Finnon Lake Restoration and Habitat Improvement Project

SNC Reference Number: SNC 080139 Submittal Date: June 16, 2012

Report Preparer: Mark A. Egbert Phone #: 530-295-5630

Check one:

2-Month Progress Report  
 Final Report

2-Month Progress Reports should reflect the previous two months. Final Reports should reflect the entire grant period.

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

1. Task 1: Administration - Administrative work completed during the reporting period include:

a. Administration elements completed during the reporting period focused on project scope, budget and timeline.

i. Project Budget:

All construction and professional services contracts issued for this project have been closed out. All invoices have been paid and deliverables met.

The project was completed within budget. A budget increase in the amount of \$51,000.00 was approved in the winter of 2011. The budget increase was appropriated to allow 24-hour shifts for construction and engineering. The appropriation resulted in the completion of the reconstruction of Finnon Lake dam in a single season. We projected that this resulted in a tremendous cost savings as winterization measures, mobilization, soil treatment and other construction elements that would have had to be implemented if the project were to have had to be carried over a two-year schedule time frame.

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ii. Project Scope:

1. The project has been determined to be complete by the State of California – Department of Water Resources – Division of Dam Safety. (Exhibit #2)
2. Construction: The project is complete. (Exhibit #3 – photo set)
3. Engineering: The project is complete. The final As-Built report is completed. (Exhibit #4)

**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.)

- 1) Finnon Lake is scheduled to host its opening ceremony on July 4, 2012.

**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.)

- 1) None.

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

- 1) The RCD sponsored three Eagle Scout projects for this project.

**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.)

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**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.)

- 1) Number and Diversity of People Reached:
  - a. 2500 Finnon Lake Restoration Newsletters.
  - b. Ongoing Maintenance and update of the Finnonlake.com website/
  - c. Ongoing "Mosquito Byte" article distributed to over 5000 residents.
  - d. Chanel 2 is running a 4 minute news reel highlighting the project and providing information on the status of the project. It is estimated the reel is reaching over 25,000 viewers weekly.
- 2) Resources leveraged in the Sierra Nevada.
  - a. Project funds from other sources:

Matching Source Funds	Description	Amount
El Dorado County Water Agency	Contribution Agreement	\$100,000.00
Sierra Nevada Conservancy – Prop 84	California Conservation Crew	\$18,000.00

Georgetown Divide RCD	Channel 2 news reel video	\$1,000.00
DWR Proposition 1e	IRWMP	\$260,000.00

- b. Volunteer hours:
  - i. 1500

- 3) Number and Types of Jobs Created.
  - a. Professional Services for engineering Services: Youngdahl Consulting Group - \$106,000.00.
  - b. Construction Services: Doug Veerkamp General Engineering - \$498,748.49.
- 4) Number and Value of New, Improved, or Preserved Economic Activities.
  - a. It has been reported that the project has helped the local economy with increased business at the Rock Creek Café. The restaurant manager reports that more business has transpired from the time the project began than had been recorded at any time during the previous year.
- 5) Number of New Recreation Access Points.
  - a. No information collected during the reporting period. The facility is closed during construction for safety reasons.
- 6) Number of Special Significant Sites Protected or Restored.
  - a. No information collected during the reporting period. Project in its implementation phase.
- 7) Acre Feet of Water Supply Conserved or Enhanced.
  - a. 518 acre-feet of water has been established by the completion of this project.
- 8) Acres of Land Improved or Restored.
  - a. 12 Acres of wetlands have been restored. 17 acres of forest lands have undergone treatment under the forest Restoration Plan. 55 acres of warm-water fisheries habitat have been restored under this project. 125 acres of recreational facilities have been restored under this project.

**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.)**

1) None.

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

1) Implementation of the Prop 1E – DWR Grant Agreement. Scope of work includes construction of transportation and access roads, habitat improvements, and public outreach.

2) There still remains a lot of work to do to fully restore the recreational and environmental resources at Finnon Lake. Collaboration at the community level is addressing many of these issues, however, due to the inactivity of the area since the drawdown of the lake in 1997, degradation impacts will have to be overcome.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
 TECHNICAL SERVICES BRANCH - ENGINEERING SECTION  
 ESTIMATE SUMMARY

PROJECT: FINNON LAKE DAM                      DATE: August 19, 1992  
OPTION NO. 1

LOCATION: EL DORADO COUNTY

REG./BRANCH: REG. 2, IFD

DESCRIPTION:

Replace the existing hydraulic fill dam with a new engineered earthfill dam. The dimensions would be the same as the existing dam (50 ft. high, 830 ft. crest length), except that the crest width would be 40 ft. wide compared to the present 64 ft., and upstream slope would be 3:1 and downstream slope would be 2:1. The new dam would have a 20 ft. wide claycore, a grout curtain, if found necessary, a concrete spillway and an outlet pipe with a gate and concrete outlet works.

ITEM	\$
1. Remove Existing Dam. 150,000 CY @ \$2.00	300,000
2. Clay Core. 40,000 CY @ \$15.00	600,000
3. Engineered Earth Fill. 110,000 CY @ \$10.00	1,100,000
4. Concrete Spillway, 5' x 5' x 180'. 100 CY @ \$700.00	70,000
5. Outlet Pipe, Gate and Outlet Works. 24" concrete pipe, 24" Gate and Misc. Concrete. Lump Sum	30,000
Subtotal:	2,100,000
6. Engineering, incl. Geotechnical: 25%	525,000
Subtotal:	2,625,000
7. Contingencies: 15%	393,750
Subtotal:	3,018,750

**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

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Exhibit #2

**FEB - 3 2012**

Ms. Teresa Wren, Chairperson  
Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association  
9001 Orval Beckett Court  
Placerville, California 95667

Finnon Lake Dam, No. 4466  
El Dorado County

Dear Ms. Wren:

On January 4, 2012, Area Engineer Aspet Ordoubigian conducted a final inspection of the construction work at Finnion Lake Dam. He verified the completion of all construction items associated with the repair application filed on June 14, 2000 and approved on December 22, 2005. The work consisted of removing the old hydraulic fill dam and reconstructing the embankment.

The dam is judged safe to store water to the spillway crest, and the restriction imposed in the November 6, 1997 Certificate of Approval is lifted. The dam must be monitored closely during the initial filling of the reservoir, and any change in conditions must be reported immediately to this Division. Since the dam is no longer in inoperative status, we will resume assessing annual fees on the dam.

To complete the administrative requirements associated with the repair application, please submit the following items:

1. One set of full size and reduced size as-built drawings, with the date stamp and "wet signature" of a civil engineer registered in California.
2. A final geotechnical report.
3. A final concrete report.

We will issue an amended Certificate of Approval once we receive and accept the as-built drawings for the project that accurately depict the elevation of the spillway. Even though the spillway was not altered during the work, we understand a survey error was found that will be corrected in the drawings.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact Mr. Ordoubigian at (916) 227-4635 or Regional Engineer Andrew Mangney at (916) 227-4631.

Sincerely,

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY**

David A. Gutierrez, Chief  
Division of Safety of Dams

cc: (See attached list.)

Exhibit #3



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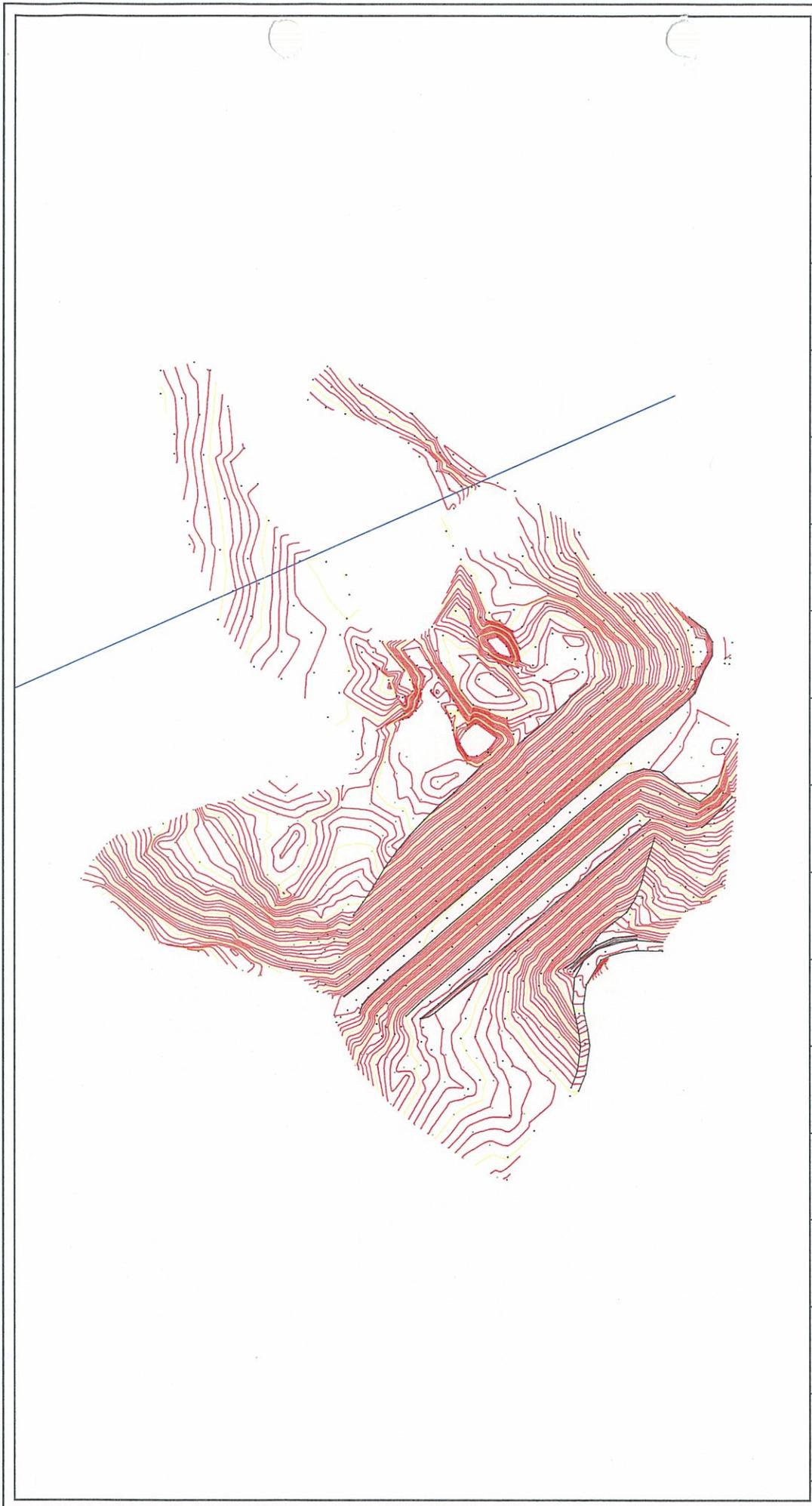
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Exhibit #2



<p><b>Finnon Lake Final Survey</b></p>	<p>Photographed BY: National Agricultural Imaging Program (NAIP) 2005</p>	<p>El Dorado County</p> 	<p>The Resource Conservation Districts (RCD) make no representations or warranties regarding the accuracy of data or maps. The RCD shall not be liable under any circumstances for any direct, special, incidental, or consequential damages with respect to any user or third party on account of or arising from the use of data or maps.</p>	<p></p> <p>El Dorado County &amp; Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation Districts</p> <p>Created by: Mark Egbert Date: June 14, 2012 Contact: 100 Forml Road, Placerville CA (530) 295-5630</p>	<p>7,000 Feet</p> <p>5,250</p> <p>3,500</p> <p>1,750</p> <p>0</p>
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Project No. E11060.000P  
2 November 2012

Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation District  
100 Forni Road, Suite A  
Placerville, California 95667

Attention: Mr. Mark Egbert

Subject: **FINNON LAKE RESTORATION & HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**  
Rock Creek Road, Placerville, El Dorado County, California  
*PRELIMINARY AS-BUILT PLAN SUBMITTAL*

Dear Mr. Egbert:

As requested, Youngdahl Consulting Group, Inc. is providing the following preliminary as-built plan submittal for the above referenced project.

The following as-built plan is preliminary in nature since the final as-built plan preparation is proposed to occur following the Department of Water Resource's issuing of the grant agreement which will allow for completion of the final plans. However, we understand that in the interim, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy will accept a preliminary as-built plan to release the remaining project funds. As such, the following submittal is intended to address the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's request for a preliminary as-built plan.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact our office at your convenience.

Very truly yours,  
Youngdahl Consul

*Waiting for  
As built plan  
Rec'd 11/9/12  
-sc*

Brandon K. Shimizu  
Senior Engineer

Distribution: 4 Copies: Client  
Attachments: Preliminary As-Built Plan

## Lynn Campbell

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**From:** Egbert, Mark - NRCS, Placerville, CA [Mark.Egbert@ca.usda.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 07, 2012 9:08 AM  
**To:** Lynn Campbell; Marquez, Melissa - NRCS, Placerville, CA  
**Subject:** RE: Closing Fannon (!)

Lynn,

Good morning,

I am awaiting docs from consulting engineer. Should be able to send shortly. We have been waiting to submit the As-Built until the road system across the dam has been completed. This element is being funded by DWR under Prop 1E and is scheduled to commence this fall. However, I will send over the As-Built report effective the date of the State approval and sequentially follow up with a revised report upon completion of the road.

I am also working with Barbara to provide her with the following:

- 1) Fish Rescue & recovery backup documentation for expenses,
- 2) Request for Payment signed and re-submitted.

Talk to you later.

Mark

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**Sent:** Monday, August 06, 2012 2:41 PM  
**To:** Egbert, Mark - NRCS, Placerville, CA; Marquez, Melissa - NRCS, Placerville, CA  
**Subject:** Closing Fannon (!)

Hi guys! I am processing your final report and invoice- could you please send me the 3 items outlined in this letter, also? (Just reduced size for the as-built drawings..)

Thanks,

~Lynn

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**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: Finnon Lake Fish Restoration Plan Development Meeting  
**Attachments:** PB200002.JPG

Hello,

I've ordered the 25 Aqua Cribs (last week). They will be shipping 9 immediately and the remainder the week of Thanksgiving. I am having them shipped directly to Finnon Lake. I hope they make it by the time the Scouts are out there on the 10<sup>th</sup>. I'll keep you posted on when they get shipped and track their way across the country.

Also, the south bank is covered with piles of rock and the north bank has a big pile of rock that will need to be spread out. We'll do that later.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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So, how about a meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 at the RCD office? It would be good to revisit the site plan recommendations, schedule for installation, budget, and so forth.

Please feel free to make any recommendations.

See you on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Jon, please let me know if Ryan is available. Thanks.

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**Subject:** Finnon Lake

Greetings,

The California Department of the Division of Safety of Dams completed its final inspection at Finnon Lake dam this morning. It has been determined that the facility is fully functional and operational. I want to thank everyone involved in the project from conception to completion. This was an amazing endeavor and could not have been possible without the contributions from everyone who supported and contributed to the project. This is a major benchmark in the history of the lake and that of the community. It represents a collaborative means of achieving something many thought would never be possible. Even though the dam has been reconstructed there still remains a great deal of work to be done to ensure a viable recreation and environmental resource. The RCD will be working closely with the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association and other partners to implement the remaining elements of the project. But for now, we can celebrate this achievement and welcome the New Year.

Thank you.

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