

**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:** Protect American River Canyons PARC

**Project title:** American River Educational Publications

**SNC Reference Number:** SNC 70151      **Submittal Date:** 2/5/2014

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**Check one:**

**6-Month Progress Report**  
 **Final Report**

<p><b>6-Month Progress Reports</b> should reflect the previous six months. <b>Final Reports</b> should reflect the entire grant period.</p>
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- A. Progress Report Summary:** (Please provide a general description of work completed during this reporting period.)
  
- 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.)
  
- 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.)
  
- D. Unanticipated Successes Achieved:** (Please describe any additional successes beyond completing scheduled tasks or meeting scheduled milestones.)

**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.)

<b>PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES</b>	<b>Budgeted SNC Dollars</b>	<b>Actual Dollars</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		

**Explanation:** (if needed)

**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.)

**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.)

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

## **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?)

We established an extensive collaboration that ranged from the guidebook contributors to the foothill communities and government and non-government agencies that have an interest in a healthy, clean and safe American River Watershed for the public to enjoy and responsibly care for. All provided information and support and where relevant in the Guidebook we reciprocated with organizational information and visitor links to important resources available to the public.

The publication of the AR Guidebook has greatly boosted PARC's capacity through increased membership and volunteer commitment to the river and canyons.

We plan to sustain our goals with increased opportunity for the public to access the river and canyons through public outreach that includes community educational presentations, outings, volunteer maintenance programs and more. Our future goals include CA State Wild & Scenic protection for a 16 mile stretch of North Fork in the Auburn State Recreation Area.

## **Description of Project Accomplishments:**

### **1. Most Significant Accomplishment**

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

We were able to contract with a Mystic Design's Laurel Mathe who has book publication experience to design and digitize our book in a very professional manner that makes it competitive with other similar publications. This collaboration makes it possible to create future changes as recreational information changes. Most important of all we can now easily make this information available in a digital format to the next generation of American River Crusaders!

### **2. WOW Factor**

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

The big WOW and big boost came when John Muir Laws author of Law's Field Guide to the Sierra Nevada agreed to allow PARC to use his illustrations in our color chapter on American River Ecology.

### **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?

Fortunately, we were able to team up with a professional designer who has a great love of and respect for the American River. She donated time, and went to great lengths to make the presentation of the information and pictures as attractive, precise and interactive as possible.

### **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.

Local land trusts are purchasing more conservation easements on American River land. The Towne and Mergan easements were acquired while the book was in

progress. PARC is negotiating with Placer County to follow its viewshed guidelines when considering development on the canyon rim. The Placer Co. Visitors Bureau is using the information to encourage American River tourism. The City of Auburn is using the book to attract visitors to historic museums and locations in Auburn..

## **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.

One of the main goals of our trails chapter is to help reduce trail conflicts with the various groups; hikers, equestrians and mountain bikers. We tried to be as precise as possible to include trail-at-glance information using icons denoting the State Parks official use of the trails noted in the guidebook.

## **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.

This is an area of need for PARC. We have a small group of spirited volunteers and board members that accomplish much. We hope that the Guidebook will jumpstart our organizational needs and volunteer base.

## **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”?

Our main challenge was the enormous amount of time it took to gather the information write and design such a comprehensive resource and recreational guidebook without compromising the quality.

## **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.

We will include PDF's of the book cover and can provide most any other photos or illustrations in the book we have permission to share.

## **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?

We are now working on Guidebook distribution and promoting conservation of the resource through CA Wild & Scenic designation for 16 miles of the North Fork of the American River in the Auburn SRA.

## **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.)

## 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.