

### **Background**

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) and the Sacramento San Joaquin Delta Conservancy (DC) have recently had discussions regarding the potential benefits of working collaboratively to build greater understanding of (1) the interconnections between the two regions and (2) the resulting need for integrated approaches to addressing water and climate issues from the Sierra to the Sea.

### **Current Status**

The SNC and the DC are exploring the potential for a joint meeting of their Boards in March. Options under discussion include using the SNC's March, 2014 Board tour day to convene a joint workshop that would:

- Build understanding among Boardmembers, staff, and legislators regarding the issues facing the two regions and their linkages;
- Increase awareness of the need to invest in integrated approaches that account for the interconnections from the Sierra to the Sea; and
- Increase awareness of the rolls the Conservancies play in achieving conservation outcomes across our linked ecosystems.

Staff is also exploring the potential of presenting a resolution to both Boards for joint adoption, which would acknowledge the interconnections between the two regions and express mutual support for integrated approaches on some issues.

### **Next Steps**

SNC staff will continue to work with DC staff to organize and finalize workshop details and will also continue to explore other opportunities for the two Conservancies to work together—and with other conservancies—to build understanding of issues from the Sierra to the Sea.

### **Recommendation**

**This is an informational item only; no formal action is needed by the Board at this time, although Boardmembers are encouraged to share their thoughts and comments. Staff further recommends that a two member committee of the Board be assigned to work with staff in developing the agenda for the joint activities.**