

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY**

**Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Program  
Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control,  
River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84)**

**Applicant:** Sierra Valley Fire Safe and Watershed Council

**Project Title:** Upper Long Valley Creek Agricultural Lands Improvement

**Subregion:** North Central

**County:** Sierra

**SNC Funding:** \$348,850.00

**Total Project Cost:** \$362,970.00

**Application Number:** 666

**Final Score:** 83.25

**PROJECT SCOPE**

The Upper Long Valley Creek Watershed Project in northeast Sierra County will use permitted chemical and hand treatment methods to eradicate noxious weeds such as perennial pepperweed, knapweeds and thistle on up to 6,933-acres of public and private lands in upper watershed waterways and riparian areas.

This project will contribute to the economic viability of Sierra County public and private agricultural and ranching lands by maintaining and improving forage quality and preventing weed spread to agricultural lands downstream of infested (treatment) areas. The project supports the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's mission and program areas by improving the environmental condition of riparian and associated upland habitats and working lands, and enhancing the region's ability to sustain high-quality agricultural productivity. The project meets Proposition 84 requirements by protecting perennial and seasonal waterways in a region where water supply and reliability is often limited, and by protecting existing natural resources from further introduction and spread of noxious weeds and associated habitat degradation.

This project is supported by numerous in-kind assistance activities from landowners, the Department of Fish and Game (DFG), and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

## PROJECT SCHEDULE

| <b>DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES</b>   | <b>TIMELINE</b>          |
|--|--------------------------|
| SCFSWC/DFG instruct 1 <sup>st</sup> Education Workshop – (participation record, literature/presentations, landowner survey)  | May 2013                 |
| Landowner/DFG Pest Control Advisor field meetings – (copies of treatment prescriptions for each parcel)  | August 2013              |
| First Weed Control Treatment by Contractor   | December 2013            |
| NRCS Develop Contracts with Landowners – (copies of contracts)   | May 2013 – May 2016      |
| SCFSWC/DFG instruct 2nd Education Workshop – (participation record, literature/presentations, landowner survey)  | March 2014 – June 2014   |
| Second Weed Control Treatment  | May 2014 – December 2014 |
| SCFSWC/DFG instruct 3 <sup>rd</sup> /final Education Workshop – – (participation record, literature/presentations, landowner survey)   | March 2015 – June 2015   |
| Third and Final Weed Control Treatment   | May 2015 – March 2016    |
| Project Completion   | March 21, 2016           |
| Final Report – deliverables: 1) final monitoring report/maps showing the acreage of the improved (treated) area in each year of the project, 2) summary and discussion of the landowner surveys used to document improvements in knowledge and behavior, 3) photo-documentation 4) summary of the quantitative monitoring assessing weed control efficacy. | September 1, 2016        |
| <b>FINAL PAYMENT/FINAL PAYMENT REQUEST</b>   | <b>October 1, 2016</b>   |

## PROJECT COSTS

| PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES | TOTAL SNC FUNDING   |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Direct*</b>            | \$294,800.00        |
| <b>Indirect**</b>         | \$20,250.00         |
| <b>Administrative***</b>  | \$33,800.00         |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>        | <b>\$348,850.00</b> |

\* Direct: Direct costs are expenses necessary to acquire, construct, or to adapt property to a new or different use, or to improve property including land, buildings and equipment. The property/expense must have a useful life longer than one year.

\*\* Indirect: Expenses involve ongoing operations, repair or maintenance costs, regardless of whether the repair or maintenance may last more than one year.

\*\*\* Administrative: Expenses associated with the administration of a project and may not exceed 15 percent of the total SNC grant request for direct and indirect costs.

## PROJECT LETTERS SUPPORT/OPPOSITION

- Support
  - Honey Lake Resource Conservation District
  - Nevada Land Trust
  - NRCS
  - UC Cooperative Extension
  - Department of Fish and Game
  - Sierra County Board of Supervisors
  
- Oppose
  - None

## PROJECT PERFORMANCE MEASURES

There are four Performance Measures common to all grants. In addition, grantees are required to include between one and three project-specific measures. Performance Measures listed here represent those proposed by applicants and may be modified through further discussion with SNC staff.

- Acres of Land Improved and/or Restored.
- Number of People Reached.
- Number and Type of Jobs Created.