

**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:** Placer County Department of Facility Services

**Project Title:** Hidden Falls Regional Park Agricultural and Public Use Improvements

**Subregion:** Central

**County:** Placer

**SNC Funding:** \$325,000.00

**Total Project Cost:** \$407,500.00

**Application Number:** 670

**Final Score:** 84.50

**PROJECT SCOPE**

The Hidden Falls Regional Park Agricultural and Public Use Improvements Project will complete the most critical infrastructure improvements needed to support long term ranching, habitat protection and public access at Hidden Falls Regional Park (Hidden Falls) - A 1,200-acre open space preserve and passive park owned by Placer County and located between the communities of Auburn and Lincoln. The following improvements will be completed:

- Repair of the existing stock pond and irrigation canal to correct uncontrolled seepage and capacity loss from sediment;
- Treatment of one mile of eroding ranch roads;
- Repair of perimeter fencing; and,
- Construction of watering troughs to deter grazing animals (including public equestrians using the trail system) from stream courses.

Placer County and its grant funding partners, including Sierra Nevada Conservancy, have invested \$10 million into the purchase and development of Hidden Falls Regional Park in order to protect its natural resources and support public access and enjoyment. The Agricultural and Public Access Improvements Project will complete the most critical upgrades needed on the Hidden Falls property in order to support long term ranching, aid in wildfire risk reduction through vegetation grazing, and reduce sediment into the Coon Creek Watershed.

## PROJECT SCHEDULE

DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
Ranch Road Abandonment	June 3, 2013 – December 27, 2013
6 Month Progress Report	October 11, 2013
Construction of Watering Troughs	June 3, 2013 – December 16, 2014
Perimeter Fence Replacement	January 2, 2014 – December 17, 2014
6 Month Progress Report	May 12, 2014
6 Month Progress Report	November 11, 2014
Rehabilitation of stock pond	January 1, 2014 – September 9, 2015
6 Month Progress Report	May 12, 2015
6 Month Progress Report	August 11, 2015
Canal Encasement	January 1, 2014 – September 9, 2015
<b>FINAL PAYMENT/FINAL PAYMENT REQUEST</b>	<b>March 1, 2016</b>

## PROJECT COSTS

PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES	TOTAL SNC FUNDING
Direct*	\$320,000.00
Indirect**	\$0
Administrative***	\$5,000.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$325,000.00</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
  - Placer County Resource Conservation District
  - Folsom Auburn Trail Riders Action Coalition
  - REI, Inc.
  - Sun City Lincoln Hills Hiking Club
- 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 or Restored.