

**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: El Dorado National Forest

Project Title: Cody Meadow Restoration Project

Subregion: Central

County: El Dorado

SNC Funding: \$72,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$72,000.00

Application Number: 693

Final Score: 78.00

PROJECT SCOPE

The goal of this project is to conduct planning and design activities and complete National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation that is needed to undertake a meadow restoration project to improve hydrologic function, water quality, and habitat within Cody Meadow to ensure the long-term viability of an historic and active grazing allotment.

Cody Meadow is located on the Placerville Ranger District of the El Dorado National Forest, entirely on Forest Service Lands under federal jurisdiction. The meadow consists of 123-acres of mapped meadows contained in a long narrow valley situated within the headwaters of the South Fork American River Watershed. The Cody Meadow Unit allotment is grazed annually by 350 head of cattle. Cody Meadow has been adversely impacted by soil erosion from past grazing activities, as well as by roads and OHV trails, thus limiting the natural filtering capacity of the meadow system. An Allotment Management Plan was created in 2007 to manage grazing activities, but the meadow is still in need of restoration.

The Cody Meadow Restoration Project will also support long-term ecological value and economic viability of the Cody Meadow Allotment as well as improve the water quality health of the South Fork American River Watershed. U.S. Forest Service and Trout Unlimited personnel will be contributing in-kind support to this project.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
Work begins (survey work begins when snow allows)	April 2013
Survey/inventory, proposed action/purpose & need (concurrent), project initiation letter	July 2013
Public involvement plan and scoping	August 2013
Issues & alternatives, specialist reports written (final, except where consultation is required)	September 2013
Six Month Progress Report	October 2013
Consultation completed, all specialist reports finalized	December 2013
NEPA document written	January 2014
Engineering survey and design	February 2014
Comment period	March 2014
Decision document written, project completed	April 2014
FINAL PAYMENT/FINAL PAYMENT REQUEST	May 1, 2014

PROJECT COSTS

PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES	TOTAL SNC FUNDING
Direct*	\$56,171
Indirect**	\$5,029
Administrative***	\$10,800.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$72,000.00

* 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
 - Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
 - NRCS
 - Trout Unlimited
 - USDA Forest Service

- Oppose
 - N/A

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.

- Percent of Pre-Project and Planning Efforts Resulting in Project Implementation.