

**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: Inyo and Mono Counties Agricultural Commissioner's Office

Project Title: Lower Owens Invasive Plant Removal

Subregion: East

County: Inyo County

SNC Funding: \$88,249.00

Total Project Cost: \$88,249.00

Application Number: 700

Final Score: 80.75

PROJECT SCOPE

This project will augment current invasive plant management efforts within the Lower Owens River Project (LORP) area, a massive riverine restoration project that includes thousands of acres of grazing rangeland in the southern Owens Valley in Inyo County. The goals of the project include the management of 5,870-acres of known weed infested agricultural lands and the eradication of 15 of the 38 identified weed population sites.

The outcomes of this project supports Proposition 84 goals by enhancing the overall function of the watershed, improving environmental conditions such as wildlife habitat, flood control capacity, water quality, and native plant habitat. Additionally the project aligns with the Preservation of Ranches and Agricultural Lands grant program by enhancing the local agriculture production through higher quality and quantity of forage and crops, as well as, protecting the natural resources and processes that facilitate agricultural production. The applicant is also leveraging SNC funds by providing \$55,000 as in-kind funding for this project.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
Seasonal field staff hiring activities	April 2013
Training and orientation of staff	May 1-3, 2013
Field work and treatment activities	May 6-31, 2013
Field work and treatment activities	August 1-30, 2013
Season wrap-up and analysis	October 28-31, 2013

Annual report compilation	October 28-31, 2013
Progress Report	October 2013
Seasonal field staff hiring activities	April 2014
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Training and orientation of staff	May 1-2, 2014
Field work and treatment activities	May 5-30, 2014
Field work and treatment activities	August 1-29, 2014
Season wrap-up and data analysis	October 20-29, 2014
Final report compilation	October 30-31, 2014
FINAL PAYMENT/FINAL PAYMENT REQUEST	December 15, 2014

PROJECT COSTS

PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES	TOTAL SNC FUNDING
Direct*	\$88,249.00
Indirect**	\$ 0
Administrative***	\$ 0
GRAND TOTAL	\$88,249.00

* 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
 - Eastern Sierra Land Trust
 - Sierra Club – Range of Light Chapter
- 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 Weeds Managed.
- Reduction of known sites.
- Eradication of high-value sites.