

**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: Yosemite/Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Council

Project Title: Long Ridge Allotment Rangeland Improvements Project

Subregion: South

County: Madera

SNC Funding: \$18,607.00

Total Project Cost: \$50,072.90

Application Number: 705

Final Score: 86.00

PROJECT SCOPE

The Long Ridge Allotment is a U.S. Forest Service (USFS) grazing allotment used annually for spring forage from March through June by Sierra Nevada foothill ranchers who operate a 125 cow/calf pair ranching operation and a 300 cow/calf pair ranching operation.

The project goal is to improve livestock distribution through providing off-site livestock water developments which would also improve use and condition of upland forage and reduce localized impacts, improve riparian condition and integrity by protecting springs and seeps from cattle impacts and facilitate livestock handling through construction of needed handling facilities. The improvements include: Horseshoe Bend Trail Spring Enclosure and Livestock Water Development, Coyote Spring Livestock Water Development, Smalley Cove Livestock Handling Facility and Livestock Water Development, and Powerhouse #4 Livestock Handling Facilities.

The work would be a collaborative effort between the USFS and the Yosemite-Sequoia Resource Conservation & Development Council (YSRCDC). The YSRCDC will act as fiscal agent and the USFS will implement the projects along with the permittees (associated ranchers) whom not only support this project, but would assist with the construction and implementation of these proposed rangeland improvements.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
Scheduling Year 1 Work	September 2013
Procure and Deliver (P&D) Materials for HBT* Riparian Exclosure and OSLWD**	October 2013
Begin HBT Riparian Exclosure and OSLWD	November 2013
SNC 6 Month Report	December 2013
P&D Materials for Powerhouse #4 Corral and Holding Field	January 2014
Construct Powerhouse #4 Corral and Holding Field	February 2014
SNC 12 month progress report	June 2014
Scheduling Year 2	September 2014
P&D Materials for Coyote Spring OSLWD	October 2014
Begin Coyote Spring OSLWD	November 2014
Scheduling Year 3 Work	September 2015
P&D Materials for Smalley Cove (SC) Corral and OSLWD	January 2015
Construct SC Corral and OSLWD	February 2015
Final Report to SNC	December 1, 2015
FINAL PAYMENT/FINAL PAYMENT REQUEST	December 31, 2015

PROJECT COSTS

PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES	TOTAL SNC FUNDING
Direct*	\$15,476.00
Indirect**	\$704.00
Administrative***	\$2,427.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$18,607.00

* 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
 - Chowchilla-Redtop RCD
 - North Fork Rancheria
 - Coursegold RCD
 - Central Sierra Watershed Committee
 - Foundation for Resource Conservation
 - North Fork Community Development Council

- 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.

- Linear Stream Bank Protected and Restored.
- Acres of Land Improved and Restored.
- Number and Value of New, Improved or Preserved Economic Activities.