

### **Background**

In September 2011, the Board adopted a new Strategic Plan, which establishes objectives for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) within five (5) areas of focus and lays out the strategies the organization will employ in meeting those objectives. The five areas of focus are:

- Healthy Forests;
- Preservation of Ranches and Agricultural Lands;
- Watershed Protection and Restoration;
- Promotion of Sustainable Tourism and Recreation; and,
- Long-term Effectiveness of the SNC

Meeting Strategic Plan objectives requires the organization to take a number of specific actions each year; these actions are included in an annual Action Plan. The Board has approved two Action Plans to date: one for 2012-13 and one for 2013-14. At the end of each fiscal year, staff report to the Board on what has been accomplished relative to the Action Plan over the course of the year.

### **Current Status**

The attached report details what the SNC has accomplished relative to the 2013-14 Action Plan (see Attachment A). Accomplishments are tied to the individual actions that the SNC had planned to undertake in the 2013-14 fiscal year under each project or initiative.

The report reflects significant achievement on the part of the SNC in 2013-14 on a number of efforts important to the Region. It should be noted, however, that progress continues to be slow under two of the projects due to the needs and constraints of our partners on the projects, which are beyond the control of the SNC: The Mount Whitney Fish Hatchery Project and the Stewardship Council Project.

### **Next Steps**

In addition to providing this report to the Board, staff will look for opportunities to share information more broadly on the important contributions we made to the Region in 2013-14. Further, work related to all of these efforts (with the exception of the Sierra Nevada Systems Indicators Project which has been completed) will continue into 2014-15 as reflected in the new draft Action Plan under Agenda Item XI.

### **Recommendation**

**This is an informational item only. No formal action is needed by the Board at this time, although Boardmembers are encouraged to share their thoughts and comments.**