

**Current Status – Budget**

The Governor's proposed 2014-15 budget was released on January 10, 2014. The Sierra Nevada Conservancy's (SNC) base funding that pays for staff, programs and operations remains stable. There was an increase of \$329,000 that included \$47,000 for annual state administrative fees and \$282,000 that was included erroneously. We are working with the Department of Finance to correct the misallocated \$282,000. There were no appropriations proposed from Proposition 84, as all funds available to the SNC have already been appropriated. The current status of SNC's 2013-14 budget can be viewed in Attachment A.

**Current Status – Human Resources**

In January, SNC welcomed three new staff members: Belinda Gutierrez, Jennifer Barnes, and Denice Maberry. Belinda is a former SNC student, and will assist with SNC's social media and outreach efforts over the next two years. Jennifer came to us from the Franchise Tax Board. She will work part time processing payroll and staff benefits. Denice previously worked for the Department of Health Care Services and will fill SNC's front desk position working part time. These positions are a result of filling one vacant part-time position and a move to meeting organizational needs more through in house personnel than contract employees.

**Current Status – Business Services**

On January 17, 2014, Governor Brown declared a drought state of emergency. In his proclamation he asked all State Agencies to reduce their water use by 20 percent. SNC is following the Best Management Practices established by the Department of General Services and will make every effort to conserve water. We have also added the State's "save our water" icon to our homepage, which directs visitors to the State's water conservation page.

**Current Status – Grants Administration**

Staff continues to support the 2013-14 Proposition 84 Grant Program by supporting project evaluation, award recommendations, and agreement implementation. The Rim Fire Restoration process has been developed and will be deployed once appropriate projects are identified. The SNC has responded to five grantee audits from the Department of Finance and expects to receive the draft findings soon. Staff continues to work with grantees to successfully close out projects as well as, update agreements as needed.

**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.**

**2013-14 SNC EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES  
Through December 31, 2013**

<b>State Operations</b>				
<i>Personal Services</i>	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>% Spent</i>
SALARIES AND WAGES	2,074,591	951,237	1,123,355	46%
STAFF BENEFITS	806,637	365,973	440,663	45%
<b><i>Personal Services, Totals</i></b>	<b>\$2,881,228</b>	<b>\$1,317,210</b>	<b>\$1,564,018</b>	<b>46%</b>

<i>Operating Expenses &amp; Equipment</i>	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>% Spent</i>
GENERAL EXPENSE	216,461	104,203	112,258	48%
TRAVEL - IS	58,000	18,931	39,069	33%
TRAVEL - OS	1,737	0	1,737	0%
TRAINING	30,000	9,754	20,246	33%
FACILITIES	293,668	281,635	12,033	96%
UTILITIES	16,000	7,522	8,478	47%
CONTRACTS- INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT	735,621	402,193	333,428	55%
CONTRACTS- EXTERNAL	274,250	149,246	125,004	54%
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	61,691	8,142	53,549	13%
EQUIPMENT	-	-	-	0%
OTHER ITEMS OF EXPENSE	25,196	12,003	13,193	48%
PRO RATA (control agency costs)	192,148	96,074	96,074	50%
<b><i>Operating Expenses &amp; Equipment, Totals</i></b>	<b>\$1,904,772</b>	<b>\$1,089,702</b>	<b>\$815,070</b>	<b>57%</b>

<b>Local Assistance</b>				
<i>Appropriation</i>	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>% Spent</i>
2007 Orig Appropriation; Re-ap.11/12 (13/14 Yr 3 of 3)	17,000,000	16,860,505	139,495	99%
2008 Orig Appropriation; Re-ap.11/12 (13/14 Yr 3 of 3)	17,000,000	16,622,271	377,729	98%
2009 Orig Appropriation; Re-ap.12/13 (13/14 Yr 2 of 3)	15,448,000	13,159,493	2,288,507	85%

	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>% Spent</i>
<b><i>State Operations</i></b>	<b>4,786,000</b>	2,406,912	2,379,088	50%
<b><i>Local Assistance *</i></b>	<b>49,448,000</b>	46,642,270	2,805,730	94%
<b>SNC EXPENDITURES, TOTALS</b>	<b>\$54,234,000</b>	<b>\$49,049,181</b>	<b>\$5,184,819</b>	<b>90%</b>