

Current Status – Budget

The Governor's proposed 2016-17 budget was released January 7, 2016. The Sierra Nevada Conservancy's (SNC) base funding that comes from the Environmental License Plate Fund (ELPF) and pays for staff, programs, and operations was allocated as expected. There was an increase of \$98,000 that included \$10,000 for annual state administrative fees and \$88,000 for salary and benefit adjustments. Based on the Governor's proposed budget, we do not anticipate there will be a cost savings drill associated with ELPF for 2016-17 (as there has been at the roughly \$300,000 level the past two years). The Governor proposes to address the ELPF budget issues through a variety of actions. We will closely monitor these proposed actions as the budget works its way through the legislature.

The SNC did not request an appropriation from Proposition 1, as the current year's \$10 million funding will be allocated over two fiscal years.

As for the current year, we are on target to achieve our \$310,000 cost savings in the ELPF fund and utilize our remaining budget. The current status of SNC's 2015-16 budget can be viewed on page two of this report.

Current Status – Accounting

We are continuing the transition to the State of California's new accounting system, Fi\$Cal. Unfortunately, the payments for many of our invoices from vendors and grantees are still two to three months behind. As mentioned at the last Board meeting, this is out of the control of the SNC. However, we are not the only department experiencing these issues. To ensure a smoother transition for other Natural Resource departments, and to help departments currently using the FI\$Cal system, the California Natural Resource Agency has a hired contractor that will be a resource available to us soon.

Current Status – Human Resources

During the month of January, the State Personnel Board performed a Compliance Review of SNC's human resource practices. The review happens every three years and is necessary to maintain our human resource delegations. We anticipate we will receive a final report of the review in March and it will be posted on the State Personnel Board's website.

All of our vacancies have been filled and the new staff is settling in. The current SNC organizational chart can be viewed on page three of this report.

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.

**2015-16 SNC BUDGET
 as of December 2016**

Environmental License Plate Fund (ELPF) Support Budget			
	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expended thru December</i>	<i>%</i>
ELPF Appropriation	\$ 4,476,000		
ELPF Cost Savings Drill	\$ (310,000)		
Total ELPF Support Budget	\$ 4,166,000		
SALARIES & STAFF BENEFITS	\$ 2,830,743	\$ 1,240,941	44%
Operating Expenses & Equipment			
GENERAL EXPENSE (includes printing, communications & postage)	\$ 117,401	\$ 41,904	36%
TRAVEL	\$ 79,000	\$ 13,083	17%
TRAINING	\$ 20,000	\$ 1,497	7%
FACILITIES	\$ 280,069	\$ 112,418	40%
UTILITIES	\$ 19,600	\$ 6,397	33%
CONTRACTS - INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT (includes CFS \$176,000, Prop 1 CEQA/NEPA Reviews \$130,915, DGS \$11,710, SCO \$2,680, Legal Svcs \$25,000, SPB \$4,000, CalHR \$5,700)	\$ 405,029	\$ 190,600	47%
CONTRACTS - EXTERNAL (includes Altum \$26,448)	\$ 65,448	\$ 26,448	40%
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	\$ 57,200	\$ 13,477	24%
PRO RATA (control agency costs)	\$ 260,955	\$ -	0%
VEHICLE OPERATIONS (includes vehicle insurance)	\$ 30,555	\$ 10,492	34%
Total Operating Expenses & Equipment	\$ 1,335,257	\$ 416,316	31%
Total Personal Services & OE&E Expenditures	\$ 4,166,000	\$ 1,657,257	40%

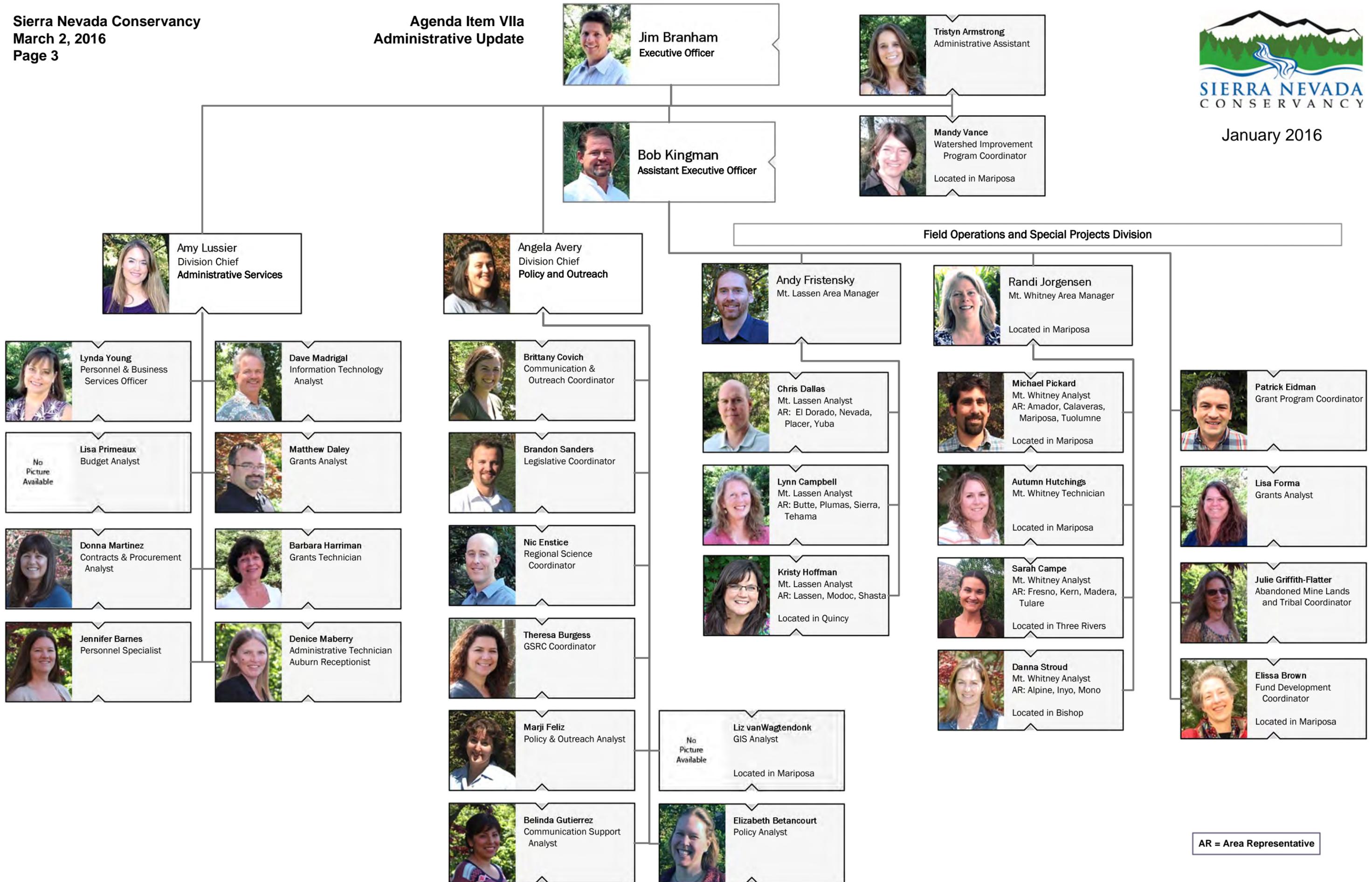
Prop 1 Support Budget			
	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expended thru December</i>	<i>%</i>
Prop 1 Appropriation	\$ 207,000		
SALARIES & STAFF BENEFITS	\$ 200,000	\$ 93,677	47%
Operating Expenses & Equipment			
GENERAL EXPENSE			0%
TRAVEL	\$ 7,000		0%
Total Operating Expenses & Equipment	\$ 7,000	\$ -	0%
Total Personal Services & OE&E Expenditures	\$ 207,000	\$ 93,677	45%
Prop 1 Local Assistance			
	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expended thru December</i>	<i>%</i>
Prop 1 Appropriation	\$ 10,000,000	\$ -	0%

Prop 84 Support Budget			
	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expended thru December</i>	<i>%</i>
Prop 84 Appropriation	\$ 150,000		
SALARIES & STAFF BENEFITS	\$ 150,000	\$ 70,258	47%
Operating Expenses & Equipment			
GENERAL EXPENSE			0%
TRAVEL		1,068	0%
Total Operating Expenses & Equipment	\$ -	\$ 1,068	0%
Total Personal Services & OE&E Expenditures	\$ 150,000	\$ 71,326	48%

Agenda Item VIII
 Administrative Update



January 2016



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