

Background

In September 2011, the Board adopted a Strategic Plan that established objectives for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) within five areas of focus and specified the strategies the SNC would employ in meeting those objectives. The areas of focus were:

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

Meeting Strategic Plan objectives requires the organization to undertake specific actions, which are set forth in an annual Action Plan. The Board has approved three Action Plans associated with this Strategic Plan: one for 2012-13, one for 2013-14, and one for 2014-15. The 2014-15 Action Plan initially covered the period from July 2014 – June 2015, but in June 2015, staff notified the Board of the intent to extend the Action Plan period through December 2015 since a new Strategic Action Plan was being developed and would not be complete prior to December 2015.

At the end of each Action Plan period, staff report to the Board on what has been accomplished relative to the Action Plan.

Current Status

The attached report details what the SNC has accomplished relative to the July 2014-December 2015 Action Plan (see [Attachment A](#)). Accomplishments are tied to the individual actions that the SNC had planned to undertake for each project or initiative.

The report reflects significant achievement on the part of the SNC on a number of efforts important to the Region. In a couple of instances, decisions by partners have made fulfillment of SNC's proposed actions infeasible or unnecessary. It is also important to note that, despite our best efforts, in some cases the actions taken have not resulted in the benefits that were envisioned.

Next Steps

In addition to providing this report to the Board, staff will look for opportunities to highlight the important contributions we made to the Region in 2014-15 in all of our outreach efforts.

In December 2015, the Board approved the SNC's new Action Plan in conjunction with the 2016-19 Strategic Action Plan. The new Action Plan covers the period from January 2016 – June 2017, and staff will report on related accomplishments in September 2017, with interim updates 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.