

**Background**

Beginning with the June, 2006 Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) Governing Board meeting, a community reception has been a part of the schedule as the meeting location has moved around the Region. Later this year, the SNC Governing Board will have met in all 22 counties that make up the SNC's Region.

**Current Status**

Boardmembers, staff and community partners have expressed the value in providing a less formal opportunity for interaction. The Board receptions are open to the public and are publicly noticed along with the Board field tour and meeting. No state funds are used for these receptions and sponsors for the events have included a wide range of partners throughout the Region.

**Next Steps**

In order to ensure that the receptions continue to occur in a manner that avoids the appearance of any conflict of interest, staff is recommending that future receptions meet the following criteria:

- SNC area staff will coordinate closely with the appropriate Subregional representative and/or the county liaison for that particular meeting. This will include coordination of location and potential sponsorship.
- Sponsors for receptions may not have a grant application being reviewed or a contract proposal being considered by the SNC at the time of the sponsorship.
- All sponsors will be identified and acknowledged in materials pertaining to the event.

**Recommendation**

**Staff recommends that the Board approve this guidance and directs staff to work with Boardmembers and county liaisons in arranging future receptions.**