

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY**

**Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Program Safe Drinking Water,
Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and
Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84)**

Applicant: Sierra Streams Institute

Project Title: Hirschmann's Pond Healthy Forest Initiative

Subregion: Central

County: Nevada

SNC Funding: \$75,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$92,250.00

Application Number: 536

Final Score: 83

PROJECT SCOPE

The project will complete a Land Management Plan, and additional necessary planning, assessment, CEQA documentation and permitting to implement a brush and ladder-fuels reduction project on 36.33 acres at Hirschman's Pond.

Hirschman's Pond was created as a result of extensive hydraulic mining in the 19th century. Located just across Hwy 49 from downtown Nevada City, today it is a scenic and peaceful forested retreat for area residents and a haven for wildlife. The city purchased the land around and including the pond in 2004-2007 in order to preserve it for recreational purposes in perpetuity. A trail system funded through California State Parks and Recreation has been developed in the area. The property is infested with non-native plants, primarily Scotch broom and Himalayan blackberry. These non-native plants greatly increase the fire danger and their presence is contrary to the objectives of the city for management of the property, as stated in the city's Hirschmans Pond Vision and Planning Study completed in 2010. The city's long term goal is complete removal of all non-native vegetation from the site and replanting with native vegetation, in order to improve habitat for native wildlife and reduce fire risk.

Maintaining a fire safe forest in the Hirschman's Pond area will also prevent potential water quality impacts to nearby Woods Ravine, a tributary of the Deer Creek Watershed, drinking water source to Nevada City, by preventing erosion that ensues after catastrophic fires.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
Finalized workplan and budget	September 2012
Finalized subcontracts/grants	October 2012
Finalized Report of Existing Data	December 2012
Reports to Nevada City City Council (3)	March 2013, November 2013, July 2014
Final Survey and Assessment Report	July 2013
Final Land Management Plan	December 2013
CEQA Documentation Completed	March 2014
Permits Secured	June 2014
Six Month Progress Reports (3)	March 2013, September 2013, March 2014
Final Report	August 2014
FINAL PAYMENT/FINAL PAYMENT REQUEST	August 2014

PROJECT COSTS

PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES	TOTAL SNC FUNDING
Direct*	
Project Staff (management, data collection, assessments, plan development)	\$37,000.00
Project Contractor: (City of NC plan development)	\$3,600.00
CEQA and Permitting	\$25,000.00
Indirect**	
Outreach Materials	\$1,200.00
Administrative***	
Overhead	\$8,200.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$75,000.00

* Direct: Direct costs are expenses necessary to acquire, construct, or to adapt property to a new or different use, or to improve property including land, buildings and equipment. The property/expense must have a useful life longer than one year.

** Indirect: Expenses involve ongoing operations, repair or maintenance costs, regardless of whether the repair or maintenance may last more than one year.

*** Administrative: Expenses associated with the administration of a project and may not exceed 15 percent of the total SNC grant request for direct and indirect costs.

PROJECT LETTERS

- Support
 - City of Nevada City
 - Fire Safe Council of Nevada County
 - Bear Yuba Land Trust

PROJECT PERFORMANCE MEASURES

There are four Performance Measures common to all grants. In addition, grantees are required to include between one and three project-specific measures. Performance Measures listed here represent those proposed by applicants and may be modified through further discussion with SNC staff.

- Number of Collaboratively Developed Plans and Assessments