

**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: El Dorado Irrigation District

Project Title: Caples Creek Watershed Fuels Reduction and Meadow Restoration

Subregion: Central, South Central and East

County: El Dorado, Alpine, Amador

SNC Funding: \$ 75,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$252,407.34

Application Number: 564

Final Score: 77.25

PROJECT SCOPE

The project outcome will be a NEPA document and decision that will include measures for fuels reduction and meadow restoration on 4,000 acres of forest land within the Caples Creek Watershed on the Eldorado National Forest. Deliverables will also include surveys, inventories, public involvement planning and scoping meetings and a wide range of specialist reports. This watershed has been identified as a restoration priority by earlier U.S. Forest Service (USFS) analysis. The watershed is 30 miles east of Placerville and is comprised of 92 percent USFS managed land including Schneider Camp Meadow, Jake Schneider Meadow, Government Meadows, Convict Meadow and a number of unnamed meadows.

It is a primary watershed for 110,000 residents and businesses in the Region and provides high quality back country recreation and fisheries. Efforts will focus on the reintroduction of fire and management of fire adapted ecosystems and meadow restoration. This project is a joint effort between the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) and the Eldorado National Forest (ENF), with the ENF contributing additional funding and support to complete the NEPA process. EID and ENF will refine areas of the watershed for restoration, develop appropriate restoration actions for each area and identify an implementation schedule for actions determined in the NEPA decision.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
Work Begins	November 2012
Survey/inventory	November 30, 2014
Progress Reports	April 28, 2013 October 31, 2013 April 29, 2014 October 31, 2014
Begin NEPA – Proposed Action, Purpose and Need	January 2, 2015
Public Involvement Plan and Scoping	March 31, 2015
6 Month Progress Report	April 29, 2015
Issues and Alternatives	May 31, 2015
Specialist Reports	July 31, 2015
6 Month Progress Report	October 31, 2015
NEPA Document Written	October 31, 2015
Comment Period and Analysis	January 30, 2016
Written Decision Document	May 31, 2016
Project Completed	June 30, 2016
Final Report	June 30, 2016

PROJECT COSTS

PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES	TOTAL SNC FUNDING
Direct*	\$74,315.12
Indirect**	\$1,369.76
Administrative***	0
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
 - El Dorado County & Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation Districts
 - El Dorado County Water Agency
 - El Dorado County Fire Safe Council
 - Sierra Forest Legacy

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