



SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY

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Conservancy Seeking Public Input Regarding Potential Projects

Auburn, Calif. - The Sierra Nevada Conservancy will hold a number of public workshops throughout the region to gain input on community priorities and potential projects. The information will be used in the development of guidelines for program activity including grants, technical assistance and other support to communities. The SNC's mission is to initiate, encourage, and support efforts that improve the environmental, economic and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada Region, its communities and the citizens of California.

The Conservancy is a State agency created through legislation signed by Governor Schwarzenegger in September of 2004. It emphasizes collaboration and cooperation with local government, state and federal agencies and a variety of other partners, in developing and implementing its programs. Its area of responsibility consists of more than 25 million acres from the Oregon border to Kern County (about 25 percent of the state), including all or part of 22 counties and more than 200 communities.

Governor Schwarzenegger's proposed 2007-08 State Budget includes \$17.5 million for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) for grants and other activities to further its mission. The funding will become available upon passage by the Legislature and the beginning of a new fiscal year on July 1, 2007. The Governor's proposed funding is a result of the voters' passage of Proposition 84 last November. That measure contained a total of \$54 million for the SNC to implement its programs. This year's proposed funding accounts for about one-third of those available funds.

"These public meetings are essential to help us understand local needs and priorities," SNC Executive Officer Jim Branham said. "As we look to undertake programs to, among other things, protect natural resources, reduce the risk of catastrophic fire, preserve working ranches, farms and forests and increase recreational and tourism opportunities, learning from those who live in the community is critical."

Information regarding the Conservancy and updates on the upcoming public workshops can be found at www.sierranevada.ca.gov.

Note: a list of the workshop dates, times and locations is attached.

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Sierra Nevada Conservancy Public Workshop Dates & Locations

Results for Public Workshop			18 event(s) found
Thursday	Mar 1	7pm Public Workshop - Chico - Chico Masonic Family Center, 1110 West East Avenue, Chico, CA 95926	
Monday	Mar 5	6pm Public Workshop - Nevada City - Miners Foundry Cultural Center, 325 Spring Street, Nevada City, CA 95959	
Tuesday	Mar 6	6pm Public Workshop - Downieville - Court House, 100 Courthouse Square, Downieville, CA 95936	
Tuesday	Mar 13	7pm Public Workshop - Kern River Valley - Senior Center Complex, Veteran's Hall, 6405 Lake Isabella Blvd., Lake Isabella, CA	
Wednesday	Mar 14	6pm Public Workshop - Fresno - Sportsmen's Club, 10645 N. Lanes Road, Fresno, CA 93710	
Thursday	Mar 15	6pm Public Workshop - Mariposa - Mariposa County Fairgrounds, Red Bud Room, Mariposa, CA	
Tuesday	Mar 20	6pm Public Workshop - Truckee - Truckee Town Hall, 10183 Truckee Airport Road, Truckee, CA	
Wednesday	Mar 21	6pm Public Workshop - Quincy - Plumas County Library, 445 Jackson Street, Quincy, CA 95971	
Thursday	Mar 22	6pm Public Workshop - Markleeville - Alpine County Administrative Bldg. Board of Supervisor's Chambers, 99 Water Street, Markleeville, CA 96120	
Tuesday	Mar 27	6pm Public Workshop - Sonora - Tuolumne County Senior Center, 540 Greenley Road, Sonora, CA 95370	
Wednesday	Mar 28	6pm Public Workshop - Jackson - Amador county Administrative Center Conference Room C, 810 Court Street, Jackson, CA 95642	
Thursday	Mar 29	6pm Public Workshop - Placerville - County Board of Supervisor's Chambers, 330 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA 95667	
Tuesday	Apr 3	6pm Public Workshop - Independence - American Legion Hall, 201 Edwards Street, Highway 395, Independence, CA	
Wednesday	Apr 4	6pm Public Workshop - Bishop - USFS, 1st Floor Conference Room, Bishop, CA	
Thursday	Apr 5	6pm Public Workshop - Bridgeport - Bridgeport Memorial Hall, School Street Behind the Courthouse, Bridgeport, CA	
Tuesday	Apr 10	6pm Public Workshop - Alturas - BLM Office, 708 W 12th Street, Alturas, CA	
Wednesday	Apr 11	6pm Public Workshop - Susanville - Historic Susanville Railroad Depot, 601 Richman Road, Susanville	
Thursday	Apr 12	6pm Public Workshop - Burney - Chamber Gradients, 37028 Main Street, Burney, CA	