

Background

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) is required by statute, Public Resource Code Section 33350, to “make an annual report to the Legislature and to the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency regarding expenditures, land management costs, and administrative costs.”

In the early years of the SNC, the Annual Report was produced as an expanded education and outreach tool. In more recent years, due to budget and operational constraints, the Annual Report has been scaled down in scope while still satisfying statutory requirements and providing an overview of key activities.

Current Status

Staff is in the process of producing another in-house Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2014-15. The report, which will be approximately four pages in length and designed primarily for electronic distribution, will fulfill statutory requirements while highlighting the SNC’s commitment and benefit to the Region and its communities.

Proposed Outline:

A combined word from Chair & Executive Officer

Report Topics:

- The Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program (WIP)
- The State of the Sierra Nevada Forests Report
- Great Sierra River Cleanup 2015

King Fire

- Description of the fall 2014 legislative tour

Fiscal/Grants

- Budget and Fiscal information
- Grant Program information

Next Steps

Staff will draft the Annual Report as described above and will complete design, layout, and illustrations in-house. Graphics may include budget charts or graphs, a small number of photos and quotes from partners, stakeholders, and/or Boardmembers. With Board concurrence, staff will prepare the Annual Report and distribute it appropriately. Staff will complete distribution of the report by December 31, 2015.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board approve the proposed approach for completing the 2014-15 Annual Report and direct staff to develop and distribute the report.