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Sierra Nevada Conservancy Seeking Public Input on Grant Program for \$10 Million in Bond Funds *Prop. 84 Safe Drinking Water Bond Funds to be Tapped*

(Auburn) – The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) is seeking public input on proposed modifications to its next round of grant solicitations.

The SNC has approximately \$10 million remaining to award under its Proposition 84 Safe Drinking Water Bond Act of 2006 grant program. Public input will be incorporated into the FY 2011-12 and 2012-13 programs, which will be presented to the SNC governing board at its June 2 meeting in Sacramento.

Grant funding will only be awarded to projects that are consistent with Prop. 84 guidelines. Such projects include those that protect and restore rivers, lakes and streams, their watersheds and associated land, water and other natural resources. Public agencies, qualifying non-profit organizations and federally recognized Tribal entities are eligible to apply.

Anyone interested in providing input on the proposed grant program changes is being asked to review the public comment paper and complete a brief online survey by close of business May 19. Links to the public comment paper and survey can be found on the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's homepage at: www.sierranevada.ca.gov.

About the Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Created in 2004, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy is a state agency whose mission is to improve the environmental, economic and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada Region. In its first five years, the SNC, which receives no general fund tax dollars, has awarded nearly \$40 million to 221 projects across 22 counties to conduct forest fuels reduction, water quality and habitat restoration, and conservation easement and acquisition projects that meet the goals of Prop. 84.

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