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March 3, 2009
PRELIMINARY AGENDA

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS
891 Mountain Ranch Rd
San Andreas, California

IF YOU WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AN AGENDA ITEM, PLEASE COME TO THE ROSTRUM AND GIVE YOUR NAME AND YOUR COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS. PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO THE SPECIFIC SUBJECT UNDER DISCUSSION. TIME LIMITS SHALL BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR.

OPENING

9:00 A.M.: CALL TO ORDER
LEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ARE EXPECTED TO BE ROUTINE AND NON-CONTROVERSIAL. THEY WILL BE ACTED UPON BY THE BOARD AT ONE TIME WITHOUT DISCUSSION. ANY BOARD MEMBER, STAFF MEMBER OR INTERESTED PARTY MAY REQUEST REMOVAL OF AN ITEM FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR LATER DISCUSSION.

1. MINUTES of a regular Board of Supervisors meeting held on February 17, 2009 - Board action:
2. CORRESPONDENCE: February 13-19, 2009 (see attached) - Board action:
3. RESOLUTION authorizing the purchase of a First Defender (Raman) for the Calaveras County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad and Hazardous Materials Team; Sheriff/OES - Board action:

REGULAR AGENDA

9:10 A.M.: PUBLIC COMMENTS/ADMIN./SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY/BOARD MATTERS/CLOSED SESSIONS

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: 5 minutes per person; 15 minutes per topic
5. Discussion and possible action re: approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the acquisition of property for the Calaveras Courthouse; Administration (continued item from 02/10/2009 & 02/17/2009) - Board action:

Receive a presentation from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, including the Conservancy's Annual Report and a discussion of projects in the County's subregion; Sierra Nevada Conservancy/Administration - Board action:

7. Review of correspondence, reports and various matters of concern.
8. CLOSED SESSION: pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(b)(1); conference with legal counsel; anticipated litigation - significant exposure to litigation (one case); County Counsel; Board action.
9. CLOSED SESSION: pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9: conference with legal counsel re: existing litigation; SEIU v. County of Calaveras, Public Employment Relations Board Charge No. SA-CE-552-M - County Counsel, Human Resources-Board action.

CORRESPONDENCE

THE BOARD MAY TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE:

FEBRUARY 13, 2009

1. From: Alice Raine re: Ridge of Trinitas; Board, Planning & County Counsel
2. From: California State Association of Counties, Paul McIntosh re: Budget action Bulletin #1; Board

FEBRUARY 17, 2009

3. From: Tuolumne-Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Plan re: February 18, 2009 meeting agenda; Board
4. From: National Association of Counties re: President Obama taps county officials to serve; Filed
5. From: California Chamber of Commerce re: February 13, 2009 publication; Board as addressed
6. From: Nation association of Counties re: 2009 Western Interstate Region Conference; Board as addressed
7. From: California Counties re: January/February 2009 publication; Board as addressed
8. From: Oaks, California Oak Foundation re: The Ridge at Trinitas RDEIR; Board, County Counsel, Planning, CAO
9. From: Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center re: Water and waste water; Board, Planning, County Counsel, CAO & Environmental Health
10. From: National Association of Counties re: Confirming nomination as a member of the Public Lands Steering Committee; Supervisor Wilensky
11. From: National Association of Counties, The Voice of America's Counties re: National County Government Week; Supervisor Wilensky as addressed
12. From: Green California, Cindy Dangberg re: Summit and Exposition March 2009; filed
13. From: Roger Putty, MWH Americas, Inc re: Submittal of Final Draft Water Element By Water Element Group; Board, CAO & Admin

FEBRUARY 18, 2009

14. From: Local Agency Formation Commission of Calaveras County re: Regular Meeting Agenda; Supervisors Callaway, Tryon, Thomas & Post
15. From: Michael H Miller, Interim Director Public Works re: TPM 2008-60, Mosby Project on Pool Station Road; (Referred to the meeting of 02/24/2009); Board
16. From: Dick McCleery, CSRC&D Project Coordinator re: SNC Proposals from CSRC& D and Watershed Councils; Supervisors Thomas & Wilensky
17. From: Calaveras County Arts Council re: Invitation to the Art Spirit @009 12th Annual High School Juried Exhibition; Board as addressed
18. From: Silvia Burley, Chairperson, California Valley Miwok Tribe re: Chadd Everone, Velma Whitebear, Brianna Creekmore and/or Yakima Dixie are Committing Fraud and identity theft by representing themselves as elected officials of the California valley Miwok Tribe: Board, County Counsel, CAO

FEBRUARY 19, 2009

19. From: Better Roads re: February 2009 publication; Supervisor Thomas & Tofanelli
20. From: California Special District re: January - February 2009 publication; Board as addressed
21. From: Jon K. Fischer, Fish and Game Commission re: Notice of Date and Location Change for Public Hearing On Proposed Regulatory Action; Board, Planning & Environmental Health
22. From: Sherrie Fonbuena, Fish and Game Commission re: Copy of proposed regulatory action relative to subsection (b)(178) of Section 7.50 Title 14; Board
23. From: Sherrie Fonbuena, Fish and Game Commission re: Notice of Final Consideration on the petition to list the longfin smelt; Board, Environmental Health & Planning
24. From: Sherrie Fonbuena, Fish and Game Commission re: Notice of proposed regulatory action relative to Section 124, Title 14, California Code of Regulations; Board, Planning, Environmental Health
25. From: Sherrie Fonbuena, Fish and Game Commission re: Copy of the notice of candidacy status for the California tiger salamander; Board, Planning & Environmental Health

26. From: Calaveras County Chamber of Commerce re: Chamber Mixer; Board
27. From: ECO; Logic Engineers Consultants re: The Shocking Cost of Wastewater Treatment: Board, Planning, Environmental Health & CAO
28. From: Sheri Tiemann, Fish and Game Commission re: Notice of Reconsideration of Petition to list the Pacific Fisher (*Martes Pennanti*); Board, Environmental Health & Planning



CALAVERAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA SUBMITTAL

ITEM TITLE Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a First Defender (Raman) for the Calaveras County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad And Hazardous Materials Team		BOARD MEETING DATE March 3, 2009	AGENDA NUMBER
Dept: Contact: Phone:	Sheriff's Office Dennis Downum 209-754-6500	Supervisorial District Number All	
Published Notice Required?		Yes: _____	No: <u> X </u>
Public Hearing Required?		Yes: _____	No: <u> X </u>

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend the purchase of a First Defender (Raman) chemical identification instrument for the Calaveras County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad and Hazardous Materials Team to be used to identify chemical and explosive unknowns.

SUMMARY:

The Calaveras County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad and Hazardous Materials Team continually encounter solid and liquid chemical unknowns. These substances are found during search warrants, traffic stops, and other uniformed patrol calls for service.

While the team has the capability to sample and identify a wide range of explosive and chemical compounds, it requires a physical sample of the substance to be collected and introduced to a variety of test media. Many of these chemicals are sensitive to heat, friction, static electricity, and stray radio frequency (RF) waves. As a result, opening closed containers, even through remote procedures, poses a significant risk of an explosion or other chemical reaction.

As an alternative to opening containers to sample their contents, Ahura Scientific has developed an advanced Raman/infrared spectroscopy instrument (First Defender) that is capable of identifying explosive and other chemical compounds inside clear glass and plastic containers. The system is accurate, easy to use, and eliminates the need to physically open closed containers. The later is a significant advantage if you suspect the presence of a friction-sensitive explosive.

The First Defender system is so effective that it has become standard equipment for bomb squads in the United States.

FINANCING:

Because of the need for remote chemical identification technology in the field, the Sheriff's Office applied to the FY 08/09 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) program to fund the purchase of a First Defender. The purchase was approved and included in the FY 08/09 final budget in the Sheriff's Office OES budget (0047).

The purchase price of the First Defender is \$ 34,206.55. This cost is included in object code 0047-5272. Offsetting revenues are included in object code 0047-4529. The purchase of the First Defender will not result in a net cost to the General Fund.

DISCUSSION:

As the risk for domestic terrorism increases, the Federal Department of Homeland Security has begun a broad based initiative to increase the technical capabilities of bomb squads and hazardous materials teams. These analyses have focused on the need to provide funding to equip these teams with state of the art field technology including chemical and explosives identification.

ALTERNATIVES:

The purchase of the First Defender was approved by the FY 08/09 EMPG grant program. Expenditures to purchase the First Defender and offsetting revenues are included in the Sheriff's Office OES budget (0047).

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE:



Department Head Name, Name of Department

2-11-09
Date

1 **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF CALAVERAS**
2 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

3 RESOLUTION NO. _____ RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A
4 FIRST DEFENDER (RAMAN) FOR THE CALAVERAS
5 COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BOMB SQUAD AND
6 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TEAM
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8 WHEREAS, the Calaveras County Sheriff's Office, State of California, operates an FBI
9 Nationally Accredited Bomb Squad (FBI Identifier #4660), and Hazardous Materials Team, and;
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11 WHEREAS, the Calaveras County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad and Hazardous Materials
12 Response Team provides countywide and state mutual aid response services, and;

13 WHEREAS, the FY 08 Emergency Management Performance Grant program has awarded
14 and approved the purchase of a First Defender (RAMAN) for the Sheriff's Office Bomb
15 Squad/Hazardous Materials Team, and;

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17 WHEREAS, the First Defender (RAMAN) is a technology instrument that is used to identify
18 liquid and solid chemical and explosive unknowns, and;

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20 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors
21 hereby authorizes the purchase of a First Defender (RAMAN) at a cost of \$34,206.55, and;

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors authorizes
23 the Auditor/Controller to adjust the books of record.
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ON A MOTION BY Supervisor _____ and seconded by
Supervisor _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted this
_____ day of _____, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES;
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAINED:

Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

County Clerk
Ex-Officio Clerk
Board of Supervisors
County of Calaveras County, State of California

NOTE: ITEM # 5 AGENDA PACKET DOCUMENTS
WERE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF THE ASSEMBLY
OF THE BOARD MEETING PACKETS.



CALAVERAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA SUBMITTAL

ITEM TITLE Receive a presentation from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, including the Conservancy's Annual Report and a discussion of projects in the County's subregion		BOARD MEETING DATE March 3, 2009	AGENDA NUMBER
Dept: Contact: Phone:	County Administrator's Office Robert C. Lawton, CAO 754-6025	Supervisorial District Number All	
Published Notice Required?		Yes: _____	No: <u> X </u>
Public Hearing Required?		Yes: _____	No: <u> X </u>

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

The County Administrator's Office recommends that the Board receive a presentation from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, including its annual report and a discussion of the Conservancy's projects affecting Calaveras County.

SUMMARY / DISCUSSION:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) annually prepares a report setting forth the agency's mission, organization, funding sources and activities. SNC Regional Manager Kim Carr has requested this opportunity to appear before the Board with a Power Point presentation of the report and to distribute a handout discussing six projects planned or underway affecting Calaveras County. The presentation is informational in nature, requiring no Board action

FINANCING:

No fiscal impact is noted in association with receipt of this presentation.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could decline to accept the report. This is not recommended, as SNC's activities have a direct impact on the County and its residents.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None noted.

COUNTY ADMINSTRATOR'S SIGNATURE:

Robert C. Lawton

February 23, 2009

Date

ATTACHMENT A: SNC Power Point presentation (Pages 2 – 14)
ATTACHMENT B: SNC Handout (Pages 15 – 17)

Calaveras County Board of Supervisors

**Kim Carr
Mt. Whitney Area Manager
Sierra Nevada Conservancy**

History

- Enabling Legislation (AB 2600 of 2006)
 - Jointly-authored by Assemblymembers Tim Leslie (R – Tahoe City) and John Laird (D – Santa Cruz
 - Signed into law by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2004

Mission

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.

Six Sierra Subregions

North Sierra

Modoc, Shasta, Lassen

North Central Sierra

Tehama, Butte, Plumas, Sierra

Central Sierra

Yuba, Nevada, Placer, El Dorado

South Central Sierra

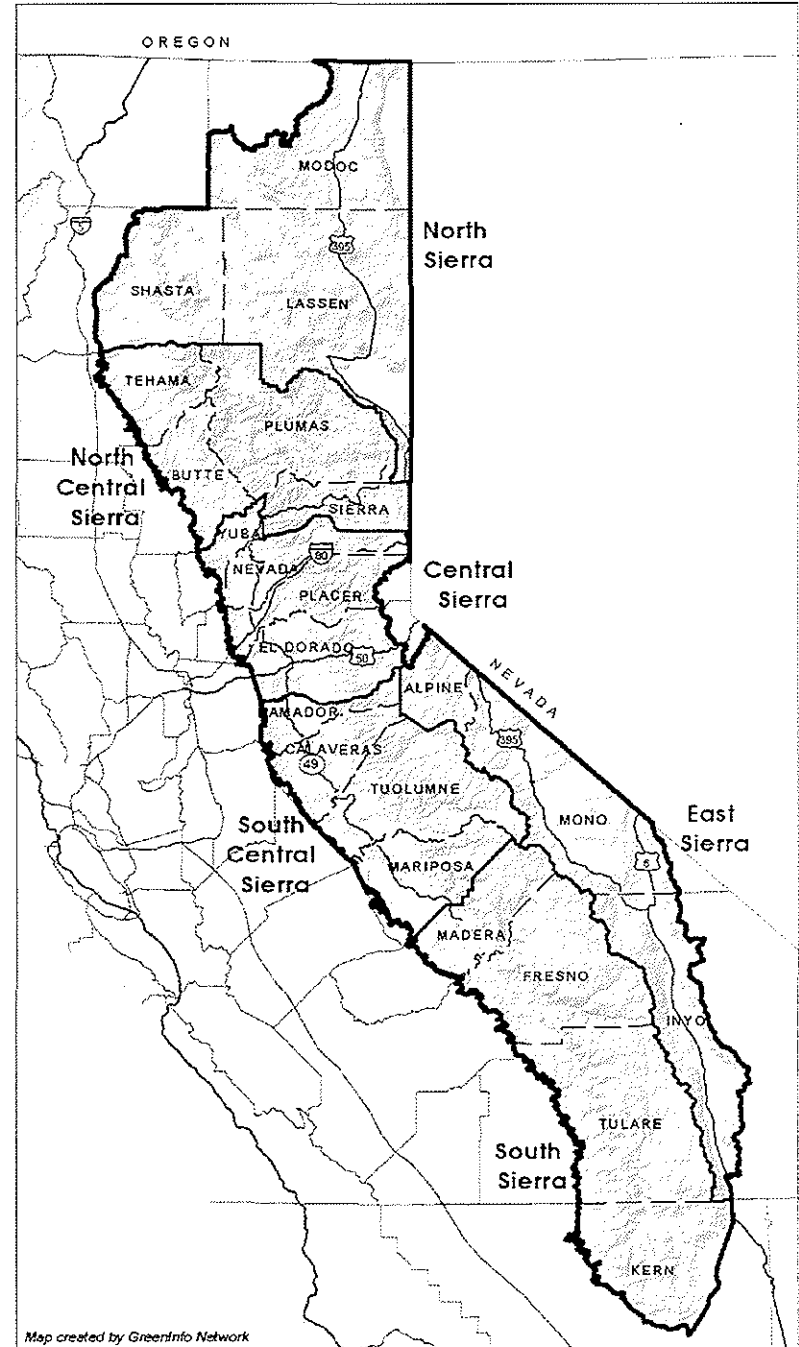
Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne,
Mariposa

South Sierra

Madera, Fresno, Tulare, Kern

East Sierra

Alpine, Mono, Inyo



Governing Board

GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS (5)

Mike Chrisman, Chair
Secretary, Resources Agency

Tom Sheehy, Designated Representative
Deputy Director, Department of Finance

B.J. Kirwan, Public Member

Bob Kirkwood, Public Member

Vacant, Public Member

LEGISLATIVE APPOINTMENTS (2)

Senate Rules Committee's Appointment
Vacant

Speaker of the Assembly's Appointment
John Brissenden

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES (6)

North Sierra Subregion's Appointment
Brian Dahle, Supervisor, Lassen County

South Central Sierra Subregion's Appointment
Steve Wilensky, Vice-Chair, Supervisor, Calaveras
County

North Central Sierra Subregion's Appointment
Kim Yamaguchi, Supervisor, Butte County

East Sierra Subregion's Appointment
Donald Jardine, Supervisor, Alpine County

Central Sierra Subregion's Appointment
Hal Stocker, Supervisor, Yuba County

South Sierra Subregion's Appointment
Jon McQuiston, Supervisor, Kern County

NONVOTING LIAISON ADVISERS (3)

U. S. Secretary of Agriculture's Appointment (1)
Beth Pendleton, U. S. Forest Service

U. S. Secretary of the Interior's Appointments (2)
Bill Haigh, U. S. Bureau of Land Management
David Graber Ph.D, U.S. National Park Service

Funding Sources

- CA Environmental License Plate Fund
 - Operational Revenue
- Proposition 84
 - Strategic Opportunity Grants
 - Competitive Grants
- Future Funding



Program Areas

- Support tourism and recreation
- Protect physical, cultural, archaeological, historical, and living resources
- Preserve working landscapes
- Reduce natural disasters, such as wildfires
- Improve water and air quality
- Assist the regional economy
- Enhance public use of lands owned by the public

Annual Report



2007-2008 ANNUAL REPORT



Making a Difference

2007-2008 GRANT AWARDS

Fire-Safe Projects

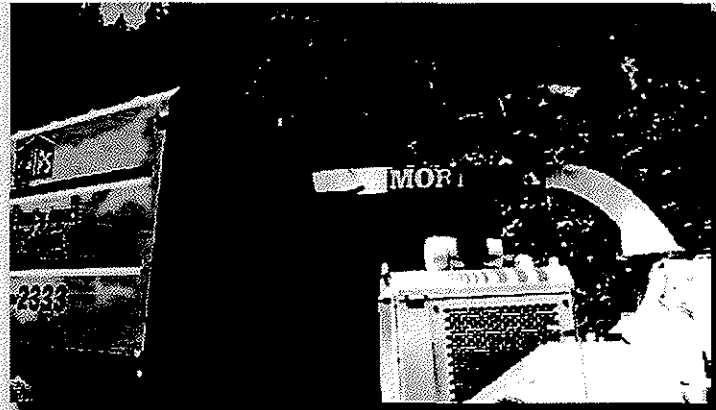
This year, as in many years past, fire is on people's minds in California and the Sierra. On June 20, 2008 a severe thunderstorm system moved through northern and central California sparking more than 2,000 fires that burned over a million acres, destroyed 511 structures and took 15 lives. Based on summary statistics from the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, major fires in Butte, Lassen, Mariposa, Modoc, Mono, Plumas, Shasta and Tehama counties and lesser fires elsewhere burned some 200,000 acres in the Sierra Region.

The SNC takes this threat seriously. In its first year of grant making, the SNC awarded more than \$3 million for 31 different fire-safe projects throughout the Region, including defensible space assistance, hazardous fuel reduction, biomass removal, community chipping, fire-safe education and outreach, community wildfire protection planning, and more. One of these projects is highlighted below.

Calaveras Healthy Impact Product Solutions (CHIPS) (South Central Subregion)

Videos: ▶ Steve Wilensky, SNC Governing Boardmember
▶ Brian Creekmore, Crew Boss
▶ Crewmember
▶ Homeowners

The CHIPS project is a multi-benefit project that reduces fire threat while revitalizing the local economy in rural Calaveras County. CHIPS uses local crews for removal and treatment of small-diameter wood and underbrush on public and private land to reduce fire threat, create a marketable product (chips for landscaping and other uses) and protect watershed health in the Mokelumne watershed. Communities in this area have been hard-hit by the closure of eight local lumber mills over the past 20 years. Funding from the SNC will help to train and provide work experience for 18-24 currently unemployed or underemployed local residents, as well as to secure additional materials for future value-added CHIPS activities, such as manufacture of wood pellets, posts and poles, composition fire logs, craftsman woodworking products, and energy generation. This project is a clear example of the "New Forest Economy," where ecological, economic and social issues are blended into a successful outcome for the environment, the community and the economy.



SNC Grants to Calaveras County

- Calaveras County Water District
- Calaveras Healthy Impact Product Solutions (CHIPS)
- Calaveras County Planning Department
- Calaveras Foothills Firesafe Council
- Motherlode Land Trust
- Central Sierra Resource Conservation and Development Council

Proposition 84 Bond Freeze

Based on the PMIB Action SNC was instructed to do the following:

- Suspend all grant-funded projects.
- Suspend all payments on existing grants.
- Stop authorizing any new grants; including those awarded at the December 2008 SNC Board meeting.

Collaborate and Cooperate

Work in collaboration and cooperation with local governments and interested parties in carrying out the Conservancy's mission.

Web site:

www.sierranevada.ca.gov

Email Address: (regarding grants)

grants@sierranevada.ca.gov

Office Locations:

Mariposa, Bishop, Three Rivers,
Auburn and Susanville

Telephone Numbers

- Mariposa office:

(209) 742-0480

- Toll free number:

(877) 257-1212

- Auburn office:

(530) 823-4670

Calaveras County Water District

Highway 4 Corridor Water/Wastewater Reconnaissance Study

The Calaveras County Water District will investigate strategic opportunities to correct water and wastewater facility deficiencies along the Highway 4 corridor in the Stanislaus River Watershed located in Calaveras County.

The primary goal of this project is to seek cross jurisdictional partnerships so that infrastructure improvements, replacement needs, and facility expansions and upgrades can be coordinated in a manner that acknowledges and respects connections between water, wastewater, land use, and development within the region.

Tasks to achieve this goal include:

- Collecting and reviewing existing data resulting in an annotated outline and a detailed base map developed with Geographic Information System (GIS) software;
- Identifying issues and opportunities through regional agency meetings, stakeholder outreach meetings, and meetings with regional programs;
- Preparing an issues and opportunities report and conducting a public presentation;
- Outlining alternatives of options to regionalize the individual facilities to meet an efficient economy of scale.

Calaveras County Planning Department

Calaveras County Conservation Planning Project

The funding for the Calaveras County Conservation Planning Project will be used to develop applications requesting funds from the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to develop a Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP) and from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to develop a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). Specifically, Calaveras County will:

- Complete a baseline biological analysis that identifies the ecosystem, endangered species and habitat protection issues that will be identified in the joint NCCP/HCP in an integrated fashion with the Calaveras County General Plan Update;
- Complete a feasibility study that illustrates how an adopted NCCP/HCP:
 - protects open space and agricultural lands preservation consistent with the General Plan Update Report;
 - ensures other resources and objectives will be preserved and met such as cultural resources and overall watershed health.
- Establish and initiate process for public input relative to applications for HCP and NCCP funding;
- Develop a plan for convening an independent science panel per DFG and FWS requirements that will identify the conservation priorities of the NCCP/HCP;
- Complete fundraising and capacity building plan and initiate the plan in anticipation of HCP and NCCP applications and associated processes;
- Complete a planning agreement between the County, DFG and USFWS to prepare a joint NCCP and HCP application that outlines:
 - Geographic planning area;
 - Species and natural communities to be addressed;
 - Processes for scientific and public input;
 - Interim process for project review

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Central Sierra Resource Assessment

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Calaveras Foothills Firesafe Council

Defensible Space Inspection Program

The purpose of this program is to help homeowners reduce the risk of property damage from wildfire by creating defensible space around their homes. The program is a voluntary, non-profit organization that provides education, training, and technical assistance to homeowners. The program is a partnership between the Calaveras Foothills Firesafe Council and the Calaveras County Fire Department.

- Homeowners are encouraged to contact the program for more information.
- Homeowners can receive a free defensible space inspection.
- Homeowners can receive a free defensible space plan.
- Homeowners can receive a free defensible space assessment.
- Homeowners can receive a free defensible space report.
- Homeowners can receive a free defensible space certificate.