

# **Agenda Item X**

# **2010-11 Grant Awards**

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# FY 2010-11 Grant Program

SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY  
Proposition 84 Grants Guidelines

Funding Distribution  
FY 2010 – 11

- Approximately \$10 million\* available for awards of grants up to \$1 million
- Eligible project types:
  - Category One – Acquisition or Site Improvement / Restoration (\$5,000 to \$1 million)
  - Category Two – Pre-project Planning (up to \$250,000)

## Subregions

- 60% of available funds for Category One and Category Two projects will be distributed equally between the six Subregions

## Regional

- 40% of available funds for Category One and Category Two Grants will be awarded without regard to geographic location

The SNC Board will determine the disposition of remaining funds if a Subregion does not award its entire allocation.

- **Category One:**  
Acquisition and Site Improvement/Restoration Projects \$5,000 to \$1,000,000
- **Category Two:**  
Pre-project Planning Projects Up to \$250,000
- **Program Intent:** Award approximately 75% of available funds to Category One Projects

# Applications Received

FY 10-11 All Grant Applications Received						
Category One	Count	Amount requested		Category Two	Count	Amount requested
Central	13	\$6,204,766.59		Central	14	\$1,998,929.50
East	7	\$1,451,909.40		East	11	\$1,800,337.70
North	9	\$4,971,625.00		North	6	\$945,645.00
North Central	17	\$8,220,640.22		North Central	10	\$1,029,323.38
South	12	\$5,905,321.62		South	7	\$1,038,444.45
South Central	13	\$5,424,511.60		South Central	7	\$781,633.00
Regionwide	1	\$29,885.15		Region-wide	2	\$267,977.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>\$32,208,659.58</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>\$7,862,290.03</b>

**TOTAL APPS RECIEVED 129**  
**TOTAL REQUESTED \$40,070,949.61**

# Eligible Applications

FY 10-11 Eligible Grant Applications Summary						
Category One	Count	Amount requested		Category Two	Count	Amount requested
Central	13	\$6,204,766.59		Central	13	\$1,964,179.50
East	5	\$1,339,070.40		East	11	\$1,800,337.70
North	8	\$4,447,046.00		North	6	\$945,645.00
North Central	15	\$7,919,660.22		North Central	9	\$951,523.38
South	11	\$5,688,521.62		South	7	\$1,038,444.45
South Central	9	\$4,733,763.60		South Central	6	\$730,643.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>\$30,332,828.43</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>\$7,430,773.03</b>

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\$37,763,601.46

# Evaluation and Recommendation Process

- Eligibility and Completeness Review
- Evaluation Panel Review
  - Projects Ranked High to Low
- Staff Review
  - Geographic Distribution and Project-type Diversity
  - Staff knowledge
  - Score normalization – final scores
- Subregion Recommendations
- Non-geographic Recommendations

# Recommended Projects

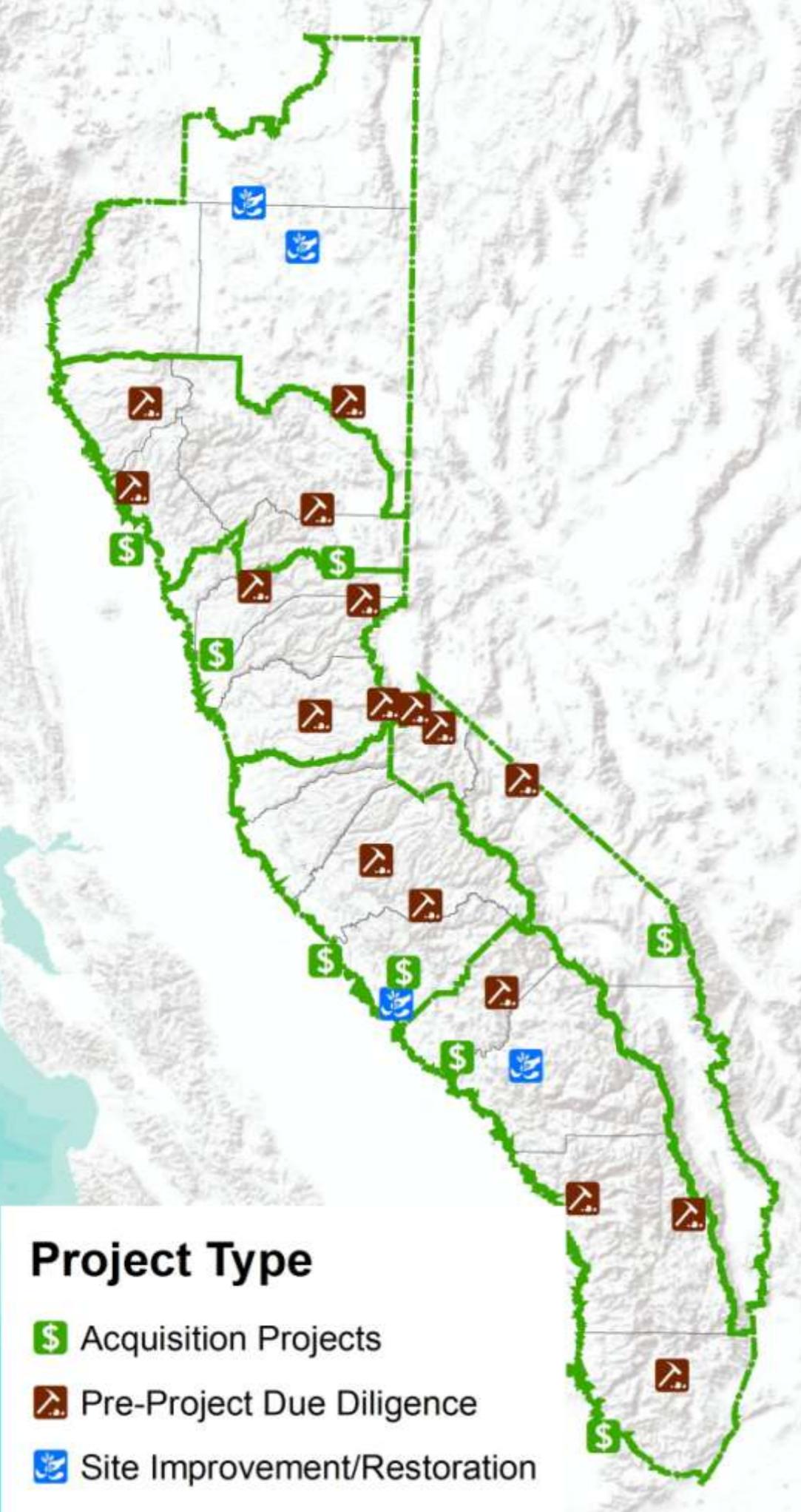
29 Recommended Projects

## Category One

- 8 Acquisition
- 4 Site Improvement/Restoration

## Category Two

- 17 Pre-Project Due Diligence

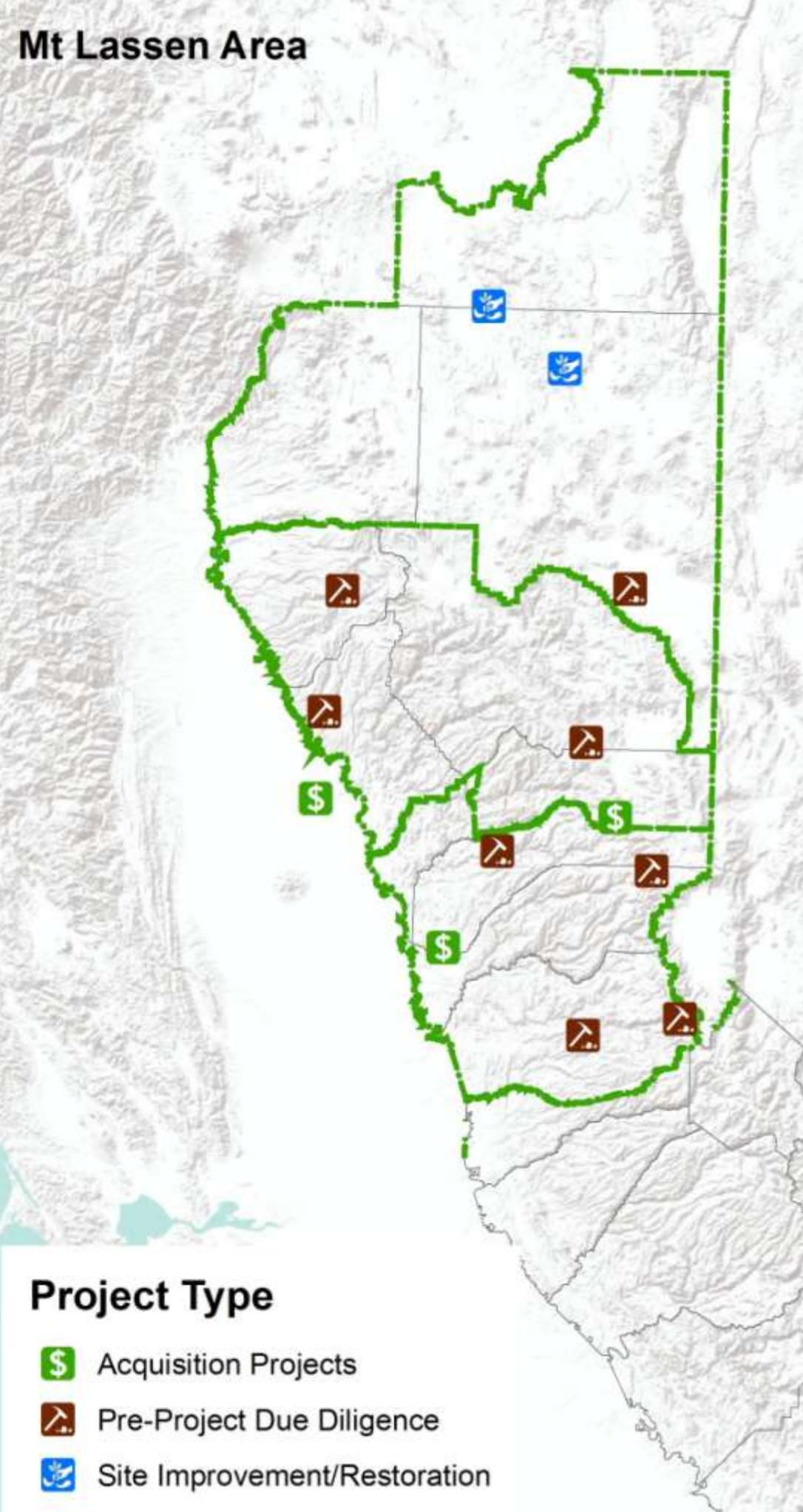


### Project Type

- \$ Acquisition Projects
- Pre-Project Due Diligence
- Site Improvement/Restoration

# Staff Recommendations

Score	Subregion	Project Title	Applicant Organization	Application Type	Fund From	Total
100.0	South Central	Upper Tuolumne and Stanislaus Watersheds Meadows Restoration	Tuolumne River Preservation Trust	Category Two	Subregion	\$151,156
100.0	South Central	Ackerson Meadows: Keystone Habitat for Great Gray Owls	American Rivers	Category Two	Subregion	\$65,000
99.0	North	Barry Property Pre-planning	Lassen Land and Trails Trust	Category Two	Subregion	\$66,438
98.2	South Central	Invasive Weed Management in the Merced River Corridor	Upper Merced River Watershed Council	Category One	Subregion	\$192,270
97.4	South Central	Rodden Ranch Conservation Easement	The Trust for Public Land	Category One	Both	\$1,000,000
96.7	North Central	Deer Creek-Mill Creek Acquisition: Pre-Project Planning	Western Rivers Conservancy	Category Two	Subregion	\$125,000
95.6	Central	Bruin Ranch Property Acquisition	Placer Land Trust	Category One	Both	\$1,000,000
95.3	South Central	Stockton Creek Preserve and Trail	Mariposa Public Utility District	Category One	Non-geo	\$1,000,000
94.7	Central	Hazel Creek and Hazel Creek Campground Restoration	El Dorado Irrigation District	Category Two	Both	\$153,466
94.3	South	Grand Bluffs Forest 2011-2012	Serra Resource Conservation District	Category One	Subregion	\$92,472
94.2	Central	Complying with CEQA for Forest Management: Natural & Cultural Resource Surveys in Coldstream Canyon - Donner Memorial State Park	California Department of Parks and Recreation	Category Two	Non-geo	\$59,816
93.1	East	Cinnamon Ranch Agriculture and Resource Protection Project	Eastern Serra Land Trust	Category One	Subregion	\$735,000
92.9	East	Markleeville Creek Restoration Project	Alpine Watershed Group	Category Two	Both	\$220,700
92.6	North Central	Serra Crest Working Forest Conservation Easement Phase III	The Trust for Public Land	Category One	Subregion	\$540,000
92.4	North Central	White Sulphur Springs Ranch Hydrologic and Spring Protection Plan	Mohawk Valley Stewardship Council	Category Two	Subregion	\$75,000
92.3	South	Topping Ranch Conservation Easement	Serra Foothill Conservancy	Category One	Subregion	\$875,890
91.8	East	Lone Pine Water Reclamation Feasibility Study	Mojave Desert-Mountain Resource Conservation and Development Council	Category Two	Non-geo	\$121,440
91.7	Central	Camp Sacramento Erosion Control and Habitat Improvement Project	El Dorado County Resource Conservation District	Category Two	Non-geo	\$144,300
91.6	North Central	Webber Lake and Lacey Meadow Acquisition	Truckee Donner Land Trust	Category One	Both	\$1,000,000
91.6	North Central	Little Chico Creek Appraisal Project	Northern California Regional Land Trust	Category Two	Subregion	\$20,000
91.4	East	Mono County Land Donation and Exchange	Eastern Serra Land Trust	Category Two	Subregion	\$61,814
91.3	South	Willow Creek Watershed Restoration Planning Project	Coarsegold Resource Conservation District	Category Two	Both	\$60,764
91.2	North	Lower Ash Creek Wildlife Area Restoration Project	Pit Resource Conservation District	Category One	Both	\$1,000,000
90.8	East	Hope Valley Meadow Restoration	American Rivers	Category Two	Non-geo	\$129,000
90.3	South	Pre-acquisition Work on Four Strategic Land Conservation Projects	Sequoia Riverlands Trust	Category Two	Non-geo	\$198,500
90.3	South	Rudnick Ranch Acquisition	The Nature Conservancy	Category One	Non-geo	\$500,000
90.3	South	Long Meadow Restoration Project	USDA Forest Service-Sequoia National Forest	Category Two	Non-geo	\$72,320
90.2	Central	Humbug Creek Watershed Assessment and Management Plan	The Serra Fund	Category Two	Non-geo	\$197,592
90.1	North	South Ash Valley Watershed Restoration Project	Lassen County Fire Safe Council	Category One	Both	\$142,062
<b>Grand Total</b>						<b>\$10,000,000</b>



# Mt. Lassen Area

## 13 Recommended Projects

### Geographic Distribution

- 5 Central
- 3 North
- 5 North Central

### Project Type Diversity

- 3 Acquisition
- 2 Site Improvement/Restoration
- 8 Pre-project Due Diligence

# Central Subregion

Score	County	Project Title	Grantee Organization	Application Type	Amount Recommended
95.6	Placer	*Bruin Ranch Property Acquisition	Placer Land Trust	Category One	\$850,000
94.7	El Dorado	*Hazel Creek and Hazel Creek Campground Restoration	El Dorado Irrigation District	Category Two	\$150,000

\* Project is being recommended for funding from both the Subregional and the Non-geographic pot.

# North Subregion

Score	County	Project Title	Grantee Organization	Application Type	Amount Recommended
99.0	Lassen	Barry Property Pre-planning	Lassen Land and Trails Trust	Category Two	<b>\$66,438</b>
91.2	Lassen, Modoc	*Lower Ash Creek Wildlife Area Restoration Project	Pit Resource Conservation District	Category One	<b>\$823,562</b>
90.1	Lassen	*South Ash Valley Watershed Restoration Project	Lassen County Fire Safe Council	Category One	<b>\$110,000</b>

\* Project is being recommended for funding from both the Subregional and the Non-geographic pot.

# North Central Subregion

Score	County	Project Title	Grantee Organization	Application Type	Amount Recommended
96.7	Tehama	Deer Creek-Mill Creek Acquisition: Pre-Project Planning	Western Rivers Conservancy	Category Two	<b>\$125,000</b>
92.6	Sierra	Sierra Crest Working Forest Conservation Easement Phase III	The Trust for Public Land	Category One	<b>\$540,000</b>
92.4	Plumas	White Sulphur Springs Ranch Hydrologic and Spring Protection Plan	Mohawk Valley Stewardship Council	Category Two	<b>\$75,000</b>
91.6	Butte	Little Chico Creek Appraisal Project	Northern California Regional Land Trust	Category Two	<b>\$20,000</b>
91.6	Nevada, Sierra	*Webber Lake and Lacey Meadow Acquisition	Truckee Donner Land Trust	Category One	<b>\$240,000</b>

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# Mt. Whitney Area

16 Recommended Projects

## Geographic Distribution

- 5 East
- 6 South
- 5 South Central

## Project Type Diversity

- 5 Acquisition
- 2 Site Improvement/Restoration
- 9 Pre-project Due Diligence

# East Subregion

Score	County	Project Title	Grantee Organization	Application Type	Amount Recommended
93.1	Mono	Cinnamon Ranch Agriculture and Resource Protection Project	Eastern Sierra Land Trust	Category One	<b>\$735,000</b>
92.9	Alpine	*Markleeville Creek Restoration Project	Alpine Watershed Group	Category Two	<b>\$203,186</b>
91.4	Mono	Mono County Land Donation and Exchange	Eastern Sierra Land Trust	Category Two	<b>\$61,814</b>

\* Project is being recommended for funding from both the Subregional and the Non-geographic pot.

# South Subregion

Score	County	Project Title	Grantee Organization	Application Type	Amount Recommended
94.3	Fresno	Grand Bluffs Forest 2011-2012	Sierra Resource Conservation District	Category One	<b>\$92,472</b>
92.3	Madera	Topping Ranch Conservation Easement	Sierra Foothill Conservancy	Category One	<b>\$875,890</b>
91.3	Madera	*Willow Creek Watershed Restoration Planning Project	Coarsegold Resource Conservation District	Category Two	<b>\$24,638</b>

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# South Central Subregion

Score	County	Project Title	Grantee Organization	Application Type	Amount Recommended
100.0	Tuolumne	Upper Tuolumne and Stanislaus Watersheds Meadows Restoration	Tuolumne River Preservation Trust	Category Two	<b>\$151,156</b>
100.0	Tuolumne	Ackerson Meadows: Keystone Habitat for Great Gray Owls	American Rivers	Category Two	<b>\$65,000</b>
98.2	Mariposa	Invasive Weed Management in the Merced River Corridor	Upper Merced River Watershed Council	Category One	<b>\$192,270</b>
97.4	Calaveras	*Rodden Ranch Conservation Easement	The Trust for Public Land	Category One	<b>\$591,574</b>

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# Non-geographic

Score	Subregion	County	Project Title	Grantee Organization	Application Type	Amount Recommended
95.3	South Central	Mariposa	Stockton Creek Preserve and Trail	Mariposa Public Utility District	Category One	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
94.2	Central	Placer	Complying with CEQA for Forest Management: Natural & Cultural Resource Surveys in Coldstream Canyon - Donner Memorial State Park	California Department of Parks and Recreation	Category Two	<b>\$59,816</b>
91.8	East	Inyo	Lone Pine Water Reclamation Feasibility Study	Mojave Desert-Mountain Resource Conservation and Development Council	Category Two	<b>\$121,440</b>
91.7	Central	El Dorado	Camp Sacramento Erosion Control and Habitat Improvement Project	El Dorado County Resource Conservation District	Category Two	<b>\$144,300</b>
90.8	East	Alpine	Hope Valley Meadow Restoration	American Rivers	Category Two	<b>\$129,000</b>
90.3	South	Kern	Pre-acquisition Work on Four Strategic Land Conservation Projects	Sequoia Riverlands Trust	Category Two	<b>\$198,500</b>
90.3	South	Kern, Tulare	Rudnick Ranch Acquisition	The Nature Conservancy	Category One	<b>\$500,000</b>
90.3	South	Tulare	Long Meadow Restoration Project	USDA Forest Service-Sequoia National Forest	Category Two	<b>\$72,320</b>
90.2	Central	Nevada	Humbug Creek Watershed Assessment and Management Plan	The Sierra Fund	Category Two	<b>\$197,592</b>

# Staff Recommends

Staff recommends that the Board (a) adopt necessary CEQA findings and file a Notice of Determination (NOD) for project SNC 419, the Lower Ash Creek Wildlife Area Restoration Project; (b) adopt necessary CEQA findings and file a NOD for project SNC 322, the Hazel Creek and Hazel Creek Campground Restoration Project; (c) and authorize the grants listed in Agenda Item X, Exhibit A. Staff additionally recommends that the Board direct staff to enter into all necessary agreements and file the appropriate CEQA documentation with the State Clearinghouse for all authorized projects.