



SIERRA NEVADA ALLIANCE

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# Member Group Directory

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# ABOUT THIS DIRECTORY

The following is a directory of Alliance Member Groups working on conservation issues in the Sierra Nevada. The Sierra Nevada Alliance prepared this directory to assist Sierra conservation organizations, agencies, interested public and the media with locating and contacting conservation organizations in the region. The directory could also be used as an informational resource for those interested in learning more about the kind of conservation work being undertaken throughout the Sierra Nevada.

For each group listed, the reader may find what issues the group works on, its mission, organizational description, and the group's current focus and recent accomplishments. Individual Member Groups are responsible for the content of their entries.

Thanks to those groups we contacted who took the time to fill out an entry and to Sierra Nevada Alliance intern Neil Favor for bringing this project to fruition! We hope you find this directory a useful resource.

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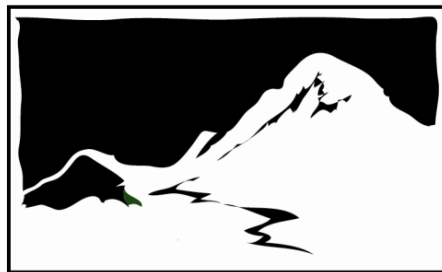
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# ABOUT THE SIERRA NEVADA ALLIANCE

The Sierra Nevada Alliance is an independent, grassroots, non-profit organization. Since 1993, the Sierra Nevada Alliance has been protecting and restoring Sierra land, water, wildlife, and communities. We are dedicated to protecting and restoring the Sierra Nevada region in the face of challenges brought on by poorly planned development, climate change, and watershed degradation. The Alliance's mission is to protect and restore the natural resources of the Sierra Nevada for future generations while promoting sustainable communities. We believe that local grassroots conservation groups are critical as on-the-ground agents creating positive change. Acting on this belief, we work to educate, connect, and mobilize conservation groups throughout the Sierra Nevada on regional efforts to create, share and enhance practical solutions to our conservation challenges. Today over 80 member groups from across the entire 400 mile mountain range belong to the Sierra Nevada Alliance.

If you would like to join the Alliance as a member group or as an individual supporter, please visit our website or contact our office for benefits, dues, and other details by phone at 530.542.4546 or by email at [info@sierranevadaalliance.org](mailto:info@sierranevadaalliance.org).



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# MEMBER GROUPS WITH AREAS OF FOCUS

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# SIERRA NEVADA ALLIANCE

## MEMBER GROUPS

Member Groups are the heart and soul of the Alliance. Founded in 1993, the Alliance is made up of over 80 organizational members – all working to protect and restore the natural and community values of this unique place on Earth.

These groups are part of a network making a difference on issues throughout the Sierra. All it takes to join us as a member group is to agree to the Sierra Nevada Alliance mission statement, pay an annual membership fee that is on a sliding scale based on the size of your organization's budget, and fill out a Group Membership Application. For more detail on joining as an Alliance Member Group, visit "How To Support Us" on the Alliance website at [www.sierranevadaalliance.org](http://www.sierranevadaalliance.org).

Bottom line, all these individual efforts amount to one greater vision. The Sierra Nevada Alliance's mission is to protect and restore the Sierra Nevada and to achieve this mission by strengthening individual efforts and joining together to be a region-wide force. The Sierra faces extreme challenges in terms of climate change, population growth and poor resource management. We believe we must do everything in our power to make local efforts stronger to protect all the Sierra's special places, while building a network that will be the foundation for future success.

Together we make a difference!

## **ALPINE WATERSHED GROUP**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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**Sphere of Influence:** Alpine County

**Sub-Region:** East

**County:** Alpine

**Watershed(s):** American, Carson, Mokelumne,  
Stanislaus, Upper Truckee

**Mission Statement:** The Alpine Watershed Group works to preserve and enhance the natural system functions of Alpine County's watersheds for future generations. The group works by inspiring participation to collaborate, educate, and proactively implement projects that benefit and steward the county's watersheds.

**Organizational Description:** The Alpine Watershed Group's role is to monitor water quality, assist with needed restoration projects and engage community participation in order to maintain healthy watershed systems. With the participation of a diverse stakeholder group, the organization builds community collaboration around watershed management and restoration efforts.

## **AMERICAN RIVER CONSERVANCY**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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**Sphere of Influence:** U.S.A  
**Sub-Region:** California  
**County:** Nevada  
**Watershed(s):** Yuba and other Sierra Nevada  
 Watersheds

**Mission Statement:** American Rivers is the leading organization working to protect and restore the nation's rivers and streams. Rivers connect us to each other, nature, and future generations. Since 1973, American Rivers has fought to preserve these connections, helping protect and restore more than 150,000 miles of rivers through advocacy efforts, on-the-ground projects, and the annual release of America's Most Endangered River®.

**Organizational Description:** Headquartered in Washington, DC, American Rivers has offices across the country and more than 100,000 supporters, members, and volunteers nationwide. The California Regional Field Office is American River's presence on the ground in this region and our work reflects the special challenges and opportunities of California's rivers and communities. In California we are spearheading some of the most innovative water supply solutions seen anywhere in the country. Whether it is restoring meadows in the Sierra, that provides water for 65% of Californians, removing barriers to salmon migration, or improving dam operations on the Yuba and Bear rivers, our staff is proving that it is possible to get communities the water they need while keeping our rivers healthy.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** American Rivers' California staff has been at the forefront of major river restoration and protection efforts including the Bay Delta Conservation Plan, the San Joaquin River restoration program, restoration of headwater meadows in the Sierra Nevada, the historic Klamath River agreement to remove four large dams on one of the Pacific coast's most important salmon rivers, and the integration of river ecology in the redesign of California's flood control system. Through our Regional Office in Nevada City, we have begun to address a number of technical, outreach, institutional, and communication needs faced by the river conservation community. American Rivers works closely with many conservation and recreation groups in California to restore rivers and meadows that have been harmed by hydropower dams, excessive diversions, poor water quality, fish passage barriers and other ills.

In 2013, the American Rivers California Regional Office will continue to scale up and expand its program in new directions. We will work within an integrated approach that focuses on strategic and innovative actions from the headwaters to the sea with the goal of building resilient communities and river ecosystems in the face of climate change. Our work in the Sierra focuses on meadow and floodplain restoration, re-operating reservoirs and dams to protect downstream communities and increase aquatic habitat, acquisition of water rights for instream flows, the design and installation of raingardens and other "green infrastructure" to naturally treat and filter stormwater, and the creation and maintenance of Blue Trails along rivers. We believe that restoration and protection of natural riverine functions and the "ecosystem services" they deliver provide invaluable benefits to our Sierra communities and future generations. In addition, we work in partnership with a range of communities and aim to create model projects that can replicated broadly.

## **BEAR CREEK WATERSHED GROUP**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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**Sub-Region:** North  
**County:** Shasta  
**Watershed(s):** Bear Creek

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the Bear Creek Watershed Group (BCWG) is to gather and integrate existing information on the physical, cultural and demographic variables, which characterize the Bear Creek watershed at present and in the past.

**Organizational Description:** A group of interested citizens in the Bear and Ash Creek watersheds. Chair: Carl Weidert, Treasurer Linda Panconin, Secretary Esther Cox, Water Committee Chair Dick Rullman, Fire and Fuels Chair Dennis Bebensee, Activities Chair Robert Levrini and current Western Shasta RCD Coordinator Leslie Bryan. The goals of the BCWG are to inform interested individuals about human, aquatic, riparian and terrestrial features of the entire ecosystem, and to assist in identifying areas in which additional data and information are needed.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** The BCWG has obtained a grant from the Win River Casino and acquired 7 well sounders (water level readers) and is monitoring 42 wells in the Shingletown area monthly. This project was started in the Inwood area with borrowed sounders 3 years ago and this data demonstrates that the addition of 200 new wells increases the percentage of rainfall needed to fully recharge the fractured rock aquifer. The Inwood citizens working with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) 1978-1986 set up a grid of 25 wells that were measured monthly. DWR used the first 3 years of the data for a water budget study in the 1982 Eastern Shasta Ground Water Study. This determined that 120% of normal rainfall was needed to fully fill all fractures and voids. Last year we had 120% of normal rainfall and the 15 wells being re-measured by the BCWG did not even reach the highest levels measured in these wells. This provides real data for new development proposals in the planning process.

The BCWG has purchased with the Department of Fish and Game using fine money from a small hydro penstock failure to purchase 20 temperature data loggers. These have been installed in Bear Creek along the 26 stream miles and have one plus years of data. Water quality equipment to take dissolved oxygen, salinity, turbidity and pH readings were also purchased with monthly readings being taken. This data along with a DWR barrier study that shows no barriers for steelhead for 26 miles and at least 18 miles for salmon will be evaluated to see if late fall run salmon can be reintroduced in the creek with Coleman Fish Hatchery fish.

The Fire and Fuels Plan and its fuel breaks that the BCWG produced with a grant with the Western Shasta RCD got tested with the Ponderosa Fire. We will use this fire to reevaluate the plan and secure public interest starting with a meeting this month.

## **BEAR YUBA LAND TRUST**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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 Yuba and Sierra Counties  
**Sub-Region:** North  
**County:** Nevada, Yuba and Sierra  
**Watershed(s):** Bear, Yuba

**Mission Statement:** Bear Yuba Land Trust exists to create a balance between nature and the needs of the people who make a life and a livelihood here. This is our home. Our mission is to enrich the deep community connection with our land – today, tomorrow, and forever.

**Organizational Description:** Bear Yuba Land Trust is a private, non-profit, membership-supported group promoting voluntary conservation of our natural, historical and agricultural resources through protection and enhancement of natural areas, farms and ranches, trails and parks to provide a lasting community heritage.

**Recent Accomplishments:** Our current focus is to implement land stewardship on recently acquired lands as well as existing properties. Recent accomplishments are acquisitions of property in the Garden Bar area along the Bear River, 50 acres of pond habitat at Black Swan and 107 acre Sequoya Challenge property along the Yuba River.

- 100% voluntary, community-driven land conservation
- 6,000 acres protected
- 334 acres public preserves protected
- 510 acres working forests protected
- 765 acres open space protected
- 3,508 acres agricultural land protected
- 18,000 acres active conservation projects
- 23 miles of trails built around our towns
- 50 guided Treks per year
- 750 people Trekking
- 50 summer camp scholarships
- 250 kids in youth programs
- 55 partner groups
- 500 volunteers
- Stopped the Garden Bar Dam
- Saved Sugarloaf Mountain in Nevada City from development
- Defended Linden Lea Agricultural Easement from a developer lawsuit
- Accredited in 2009

## **BIG CHICO CREEK WATERSHED ALLIANCE**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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**Sub-Region:** North

**County:** Butte

**Watershed(s):** Big Chico Creek

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the Big Chico Creek Watershed Alliance is to protect and enhance the ecological integrity and economic vitality of the Big Chico Creek watershed through cooperative efforts.

**Organizational Description:** The Alliance is a non-profit, public benefit corporation. Our Board of Directors seeks to include landowners from the sub-watershed areas listed on our website (e.g. Rock Creek, Lindo Channel) as well as other individuals with an interest in the watershed. We believe that this balance of landowner and “stakeholder” participation will best serve the interests of the watershed and the communities in it.



## **CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY – ALTA PEAK CHAPTER**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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**Sub-Region:** South

**County:** Kings, Tulare

**Watershed(s):** Kaweah, Tule, White

**Mission Statement:** CNPS is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing the understanding and appreciation of California's native plants, and to preserving them and their natural habitats for future generations.

**Organizational Description:** CNPS carries out its mission through science, conservation advocacy, education, and horticulture at the local, state, and federal levels. It monitors rare and endangered plants and habitats, acts to save endangered areas through publicity, persuasion, and on occasion, legal action; provides expert testimony to government bodies, supports the establishment of native plant preserves, sponsors workdays to remove invasive plants, and offers a range of educational activities including speaker programs, field trips, native plant sales, horticultural workshops, and demonstration gardens.

## **CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY – RED BUD CHAPTER**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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Counties

**Sub-Region:** North Central

**County:** Nevada & Placer

**Watershed(s):** Deer Creek

**Mission Statement:** Our mission is to increase the understanding and appreciation of California's native plants and to conserve them and their natural habitats through the use of science, education, advocacy, horticulture, and land stewardship.

**Organizational Description:** The California Native Plant Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of California's native flora. Membership is open to all persons, professional and amateur, with an interest in California's native plants.

## CALIFORNIA OAKS

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Statewide  
**Sub-Region:**  
**County:**  
**Watershed(s):**

**Mission Statement:** Protect and perpetuate native oak woodlands in order to guarantee sustainable wildlife habitat and watersheds, as well as ensuring climate stability throughout California.

**Organizational Description:** California Oaks remains committed to preserving the state's oak forest ecosystem and its rural landscapes. CO's mission has been to preserve the oak forest ecosystem through education and conservation partnership activities throughout the state.

CO's strategic goal since 2000 has been to establish a legal, planning and scientific platform for oak woodlands conservation. The purpose of this effort has been to guide informed oak resource decision making by California citizens and public officials.

## **CALIFORNIA SAVE OUR STREAMS COUNCIL**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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**Sub-Region:** Central  
**County:** Fresno  
**Watershed(s):** Kings

**Mission Statement:** To protect Sierra streams from all environmental degradation; to restore San Joaquin River as a living river; and to halt selenium pollution of rivers, wetlands and bays.

**Organizational Description:** We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1981 and dedicated to the protection, preservation and restoration of California streams.

The organization focuses on streams and rivers of the western slope of the Central Sierra with special emphasis on restoration of the San Joaquin River.

## **CALIFORNIA TROUT: EASTERN SIERRA PROGRAM**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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**Sub-Region:** Eastern

**County:** Inyo

**Watershed(s):** Death Valley, Golden Trout  
Wilderness, Mono, Owens, Walker

**Mission Statement:** To protect and restore Wild Trout, Steelhead, Salmon and their waters throughout California

**Organizational Description:** Since 1971, CalTrout has worked to protect and restore California's wild and native trout, steelhead, and salmon streams – streams that supply our state's most precious resource: water. Our core conservation strategy is the establishment of regional offices with expert conservation staff in key wild trout and steelhead watersheds around the state. We work at the grassroots level to identify conservation goals and priorities and engage local communities and other stakeholders in a collaborative effort to develop, implement, and monitor long-term solutions. At the same time, we work statewide with agencies and the legislative branch to create natural resource policies that will benefit wild trout and steelhead waters throughout California. With a total staff numbering close to 15, CalTrout engages our more than 7,500 members in the public process to advocate for sound, science-based conservation and is positioned in Sacramento to act on urgent policy matters. The work conducted by CalTrout falls broadly under the following headings: (1) Imperiled Native Trout, (2) Blue Ribbon Waters, (3) Salmon and Steelhead, and (4) Advocacy, Policy, and Planning.

### **Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:**

Imperiled Native Trout:

- Lahontan cutthroat restoration in the Walker Basin: eradication of non-native species
- CA golden trout restoration in the Golden Trout Wilderness/Kern Plateau: supporting implementation of 2004 Golden Trout Conservation Strategy
- Meadows Restoration: Kern Plateau Meadow Restoration Fisheries Analysis Tool

Blue Ribbon Waters:

- Hot Creek/Mammoth Lakes Basin/Upper Owens watershed conservation: Non-Point source pollution study, Upper Owens watershed study, Mammoth Creek instream flows
- Rush Creek/Mono Basin restoration: Pursuant to historical litigation and ensuring restoration of Mono Lake and associated fisheries
- West Walker River restoration: river restoration plan launch

Advocacy, Policy and Planning:

- Inyo-Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Program: various successes (Plan development and implementation, Disadvantaged Communities Project, Capacity Building etc)
- State-Water Plan Revision 2013: Public Advisory Committee, various topical caucus member, Design Team participant, North and South Lahontan Regional Forums
- Sierra Nevada National Forest Management Plan Revision: Conservation Strategies development, engagement with FS & stakeholders regarding Inyo NF Plan revision

## **CALIFORNIA TROUT: NORTHERN SIERRA PROGRAM**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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**Mission Statement:** To protect and restore wild trout, salmon, steelhead and their waters throughout California

**Organizational Description:** 501(c) (3)

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Imperiled In-land Native Trout Campaign:

- Completed a detailed habitat assessment of 13 miles of the Upper Truckee River to fill a needed pre-restoration monitoring gap on 5 restoration projects along the river.
- Assessing priority next steps for Eagle Lake rainbow trout
- Organizing Fisheries Coalitions for both the Tahoe Truckee and Carson River Watersheds
- Expanding wild populations of Lahontan cutthroat trout in the Upper Walker River Basin
- Helping meadow restoration practitioners to improve their projects for fisheries benefit via the development of the Meadow Restoration Fisheries Analysis Tool (MRFAT) and complementing needed monitoring efforts

## **CALIFORNIA URBAN STREAMS ALLIANCE**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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**Sphere of Influence:** Northern California

**Sub-Region:** Sacramento Valley

**County:** Butte (and sometimes others)

**Watershed(s):** Sacramento River  
Watershed, and its tributaries

**Mission Statement:** The Streams Team's mission is to empower effective environmental stewardship to protect, enhance, manage, and restore the ecological health of important California river systems.

**Organizational Description:** The Stream Team provides on-going watershed and urban pollution prevention education and watershed assessments. Our efforts are linked with the goals of the Big Chico Creek Watershed Citizen Monitoring Program, the City of Chico Storm Water Management and Park Division Volunteer programs, the educational needs of local schools, and other state-wide resource management efforts.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** The Stream Team volunteers have contributed nearly 30,000 hours of community service since our efforts began in 2004, and have recently formed a partnership with California's Safe-to-Swim program to facilitate better use of the 8 years of baseline water quality data we have collected. In addition, monitoring and watershed education and outreach objectives have been extended to the upper reaches of Sacramento River tributaries within forested lands.

## CENTER FOR SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVATION

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Mission Statement:** The Center for Sierra Nevada Conservation is a grassroots environmental organization dedicated to the protection of ecosystem values and the long-term sustainability of our natural resources for future generations.

**Organizational Description:** Since 1986 the Center for Sierra Nevada Conservation, formerly Friends Aware of Wildlife Needs, has been a tireless voice for sound management of our public lands and wise government land use policies. From recreation to private forestry practices, to ecosystem management on our public lands, to the El Dorado County General Plan, CSNC members have worked countless hours to make sure that environmental values are not forgotten by land managers and politicians.

We work with other interested parties on stakeholder groups, make official comments on environmental impact reports and when all else fails, file lawsuits to ensure that environmental laws are not violated in the interest of runaway development or consumptive use of our public lands. We are a 501c-3 non-profit corporation. We get most of our funds from our members, and have also benefited by grants from such organizations as the Further Foundation, Natural Trails and Waters Coalition, Patagonia, Rose Foundation, Tides Foundation, and Weeden Foundation.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** CSNC was the lead organization on litigation challenging the Eldorado NF Travel Management Plan. Due to our efforts, 42 roads that cross meadows, in violation of the El Dorado's own Forest Plan, were ordered closed by a Federal judge. We also were instrumental in getting the Central Valley Regional Water Board to issue a Cleanup and Abatement Order for the Rubicon Trail to the Eldorado National Forest and El Dorado County, and in obtaining protective winter season closures of the Rubicon Trail as conditions of an easement. We prevailed in the State's Appeals Court in a lawsuit against El Dorado's County so-called Oak Woodland Management Plan, which would have decimated the County's oak woodlands. On appeal, we also won a lawsuit against the County for a development in a rare plant preserve area.



## COMMUNITY ACTION PROJECT

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sub-Region:** South Central  
**County:** Calaveras  
**Watershed(s):** Calaveras, Stanislaus, Tuolumne

**Mission Statement:** The mission of CAP is to promote community-based democracy in Calaveras County so that local citizens have the maximum possible control of quality of life issues that affect them. Our vision is that by promoting and participating in the local democratic process, CAP will serve to facilitate adoption of land use policies that protect natural resources and so maintain a high quality of life both in the county and in the region.

**Organizational Description:** CAP is accomplishing its mission by organizing and coordinating individuals and groups to better participate in the community planning process, particularly the current General Plan process, and by working to make public information accessible to more people. CAP initiated and facilitates the Calaveras Planning Coalition (CPC), a coalition of 13 community groups and non-profits.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** 2012 was a year of hard work and good celebration. CAP worked on the Calaveras County General Plan, the MAC IRWMP, the revised EBMUD 2040 WSMP, and the BLM pilot program for commercial rafting on the Mokelumne River. We celebrated Calaveras County issuing a draft General Plan Land Use Map that supported community-centered development and working landscapes. We celebrated EBMUD's decision to remove Pardee Dam Expansion from its 2040 Water Supply Management Plan. We celebrated a court decision ratifying Calaveras County's denial of an illegal golf-course-centered subdivision. We celebrated a member of the CAP Board being appointed to the Calaveras County Planning Commission. And, we celebrated CPC Facilitator Tom Infusino's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

## **COMMUNITY FOR RESPECTFUL FIREARMS USE (CRFU)**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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**Sub-Region:** Central

**County:** Calaveras

**Watershed(s):** Calaveras

**Mission Statement:** CRFU works towards responsible gun use on national forest lands.

**Organizational Description:** Our focus is the Stanislaus National Forest.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Working on the draft EIS for Candy Perch Quarry.

## DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sub-Region:** (all)  
**County:** (all)  
**Watershed(s):** (all)

**Mission Statement:** Defenders of Wildlife is a national, nonprofit membership organization dedicated to the protection of all native animals and plants in their natural communities.

**Organizational Description:** Founded in 1947, Defenders of Wildlife is one of the country's leaders in science-based, results-oriented wildlife conservation. We stand out in our commitment to saving imperiled wildlife and championing the Endangered Species Act, the landmark law that protects them. We work to protect and restore America's native wildlife, safeguard habitat, resolve conflicts, work across international borders and educate and mobilize the public.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** In anticipation of a new cycle of forest planning for the national forests of the Sierra Nevada, a coalition of organizations including Defenders of Wildlife released a comprehensive report entitled [\*National Forests in the Sierra Nevada: A Conservation Strategy\*](#). The purpose of the strategy is to identify issues we believe to be a high priority to address during the upcoming process of revising forest plans and to suggest specific tools, methods, or actions to resolve or address these issues.

In the spring of 2011, Defenders of Wildlife began work on the Central Valley Renewable Energy Project (CVREP) as part of an effort to encourage smart-from-the-start renewable energy development in one of California's most vital regions for energy, farmland and habitat. Spearheaded by Defenders of Wildlife, the project is focused on incentivizing the siting of renewable energy projects in low-conflict areas and on impaired agricultural lands with low habitat value as an important strategy for accelerating renewable energy development and protecting vital natural resources. [\*Smart from the Start: Responsible Renewable Energy Development in the Southern San Joaquin Valley\*](#), released in August, is one product of the CVREP.

Defenders staff continues working as a stakeholder in development of the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) for the California Desert. This plan, expected to be completed by spring 2013, is intended to strengthen conservation for at-risk species of plants and animals while providing environmentally suitable opportunities for development of solar, wind and geothermal energy projects on federal and private lands. Defenders staff participated in developing recommended actions to implement the Desert Tortoise Recovery Plan in the Northeastern Mojave region in California. The USFWS selected Defenders as a member of the Recovery Implementation Team.

Defenders' California program continued its active engagement in the development of a Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) that will guide the future of the SF Bay-Delta Estuary in California. Defenders' California program worked with other groups to secure the adoption of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan. The plan is groundbreaking in that it changes the approach from channeling and confining flood waters to an approach that gives rivers room to move and re-connects them with their floodplains creating healthier riparian ecosystems and increasing public safety.

In March, Defenders of Wildlife released a report entitled [\*The Feasibility of Water Quality Markets for California Rangelands\*](#). The report summarizes lessons learned from existing water quality markets in the US and internationally, provides a review of conservation practices that rangeland managers can implement to improve water quality and wildlife habitat and provides recommendations on how to establish water quality markets accessible to ranchers in the Central Valley of California.

## **EASTERN SIERRA LAND TRUST (ESLT)**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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counties, Western Nevada

**Sub-Region:** East

**County:** Mono, Inyo, Alpine

**Watershed(s):** Carson, Mono, Owens, Walker

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the Eastern Sierra Land Trust is to protect and enhance vital lands in the Eastern Sierra for their scenic, recreational, agricultural, historical, botanical, and wildlife values. The Eastern Sierra Land Trust was formed in early 2001 and currently has over 260 financially supportive members. The ESLT is a nonprofit public benefit land trust with a fundamental purpose to provide the benefits and services of a land trust to the private and public landowners and stakeholders in the Eastern Sierra. We are the first and only land trust that focuses on the Eastern Sierra region. Our main tools for achieving our mission are conservation easements, land acquisition by gift receipt or purchase, facilitation of land trades and education

**Organizational Description:** Eastern Sierra Land Trust works with willing landowners to preserve vital lands in the Eastern Sierra region for their scenic, agricultural, natural, recreational, historical, and watershed values. We work to help families preserve their working farms and ranches in the face of pressures to subdivide their properties. We work to give the entire Eastern Sierra community, residents, and visitors the opportunity to connect with our treasured lands.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** ESLT focuses on assisting private landowners who want to preserve their land. We are now nationally accredited.

## **EBBETTS PASS FOREST WATCH**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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**Sub-Region:** South Central Sierra

**County:** Calaveras

**Watershed(s):** Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Calaveras

**Mission Statement:** The mission of EPFW is to protect, promote and restore healthy forests and watersheds to maintain the quality of life in the Sierra Nevada. EPFW supports responsible forest management and logging methods.

**Organizational Description:** EPFW works with other groups against clearcutting and for responsible forestry practices. EPFW conducts ground and aerial tours of clearcuts and plantations for media, legislative staff assistants, county board of supervisor candidates and other interested people; conducts educational forums for supervisor candidates, religious organizations, homeowners associations, community groups, and other environmental organizations and sponsors speaking engagements and films; EPFW does aerial missions to photo-document clearcuts and plantations in the Central Sierra, maintains a GIS mapping database, and comments on Timber Harvest Plans.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** EPFW has joined with the Sierra Club's Stop Clearcutting Campaign and is doing petitioning, letter writing, film showings, educating legislators and having days of action about clearcutting.

Earlier this year, Bay Area NBC did a major news story featuring EPFW commenting on the relationship between clearcutting and cap and trade regulations. EPFW along with other groups got Cal Fire to change its interpretation of forest regulations to protect oak woodlands.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CONSUMER

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Nationwide

**Sub-Region:** North

**County:** Nevada

**Watershed(s):** Truckee, Yuba

**Mission Statement:** Environmental Consumer aims to provide tools and resources to people who want to reduce the impact of their purchases and who can, in turn, utilize their purchasing power at truly sustainable businesses, thus giving this sector a fighting chance. The intent is for decisions to be easier for consumers and for companies' bottom lines to accurately reflect the public's rising concerns over environmental degradation and workers' quality of life. Information is power, but even more so in the form of straightforward, practical tools and databases. With our step by step guides, articles, databases, and interactive learning tools, consumers can make sense of the overwhelming amount of information and misinformation on environmental products and sustainability. Ultimately, we want to make it easier to think about social responsibility when making each decision. With that clarity, we all can reduce our impacts and accurately convey our needs to companies through our purchases.

**Organizational Description:** Environmental Consumer is a nationwide nonprofit that supports consumers and NGO's as they take the next step to reduce their resource usage and environmental impact via tools, databases, and guidance that inform, enable, reinforce, and communicate incremental and personally achievable lifestyle changes.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Environmental Consumer recently launched a resource for people to ask for help in reducing their environmental impact and is currently developing a short course for individuals to the same effect.

## **FOOTHILL COLLABORATIVE FOR SUSTAINABILITY (FoCuS)**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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**Sphere of Influence:** Calaveras and Tuolumne  
Counties

**Sub-Region:** Central

**County:** Calaveras and Tuolumne

**Mission Statement:** FoCuS is a non-profit collaborative that educates groups and individuals about sustainable living and local community self-reliance. We promote collaborative relationships to achieve mutual well-being in Calaveras and Tuolumne counties.

**Organizational Description:** FoCuS will inspire and empower individuals to take on the challenge and potential of creating a world in balance between human citizens and the local environment they inhabit.

FoCuS will help cultivate deeper inter-connections between people and their environments in Calaveras and Tuolumne counties based on the principles of sustainability and will work towards local community self-reliance wherever there is interest and commitment.

FoCuS will encourage collaboration between businesses and individuals whose work is based on ecologically, socially and economically sustainable systems.

## FOOTHILL CONSERVANCY

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Central Sierra

**County:** Amador and Calaveras

**Watershed(s):** Mokelumne, Calaveras, Cosumnes, N. Fork Stanislaus

**Mission Statement:** To protect, restore, and sustain the natural and human environment in Amador and Calaveras counties for the benefit of current and future generations.

**Organizational Description:** Grassroots, community-based membership 501(c)(3) nonprofit conservation organization founded in 1989.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** *Focus:* Conservation and restoration of the Upper Mokelumne River and watershed. Securing National Wild and Scenic River designation for 37 miles of the Mokelumne River. Ensuring general plan updates in Amador and Calaveras counties focus on town-centered, sustainable development. Watershed and meadow restoration; collaborative landscape-level forest restoration with focus on social and economic as well as ecological sustainability. *Recent accomplishments:* Through community action and litigation, persuaded the East Bay Municipal Utility District to drop the expansion of Pardee Reservoir on the Mokelumne River. As part of the Amador-Calaveras Consensus Group, secured Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Act funding for meadow and stream restoration, fuel reduction, cultural site restoration and other activities on two national forests. Signed on 10,000<sup>th</sup> supporter of Wild and Scenic designation for the Mokelumne River. Cosponsored annual Mokelumne River Cleanup.



## FOOTHILLS WATER NETWORK

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Yuba, Bear, American watersheds

**County:** El Dorado, Placer, Nevada, Yuba

**Watershed(s):** Yuba, Bear, American

**Mission Statement:** To provide a forum that increases the effectiveness of conservation organizations to achieve river and watershed restoration and protection benefits for the Yuba, Bear, and American. This includes negotiations at the county, state, and federal levels, with an immediate focus on the upcoming FERC relicensing processes.

**Organizational Description:** The Foothills Water Network part-time Coordinator coordinates a coalition of water and recreation-based NGOs in four FERC relicensings in the Yuba, Bear, and American watersheds.

## FOREST ISSUES GROUP

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sub-Region:** North  
**County:** Nevada, Sierra, Placer  
**Watershed(s):** American, Little Truckee, Yuba

**Mission Statement:** The Forest Issues Group (FIG) is an organization made up of citizens committed to a healthy Tahoe National Forest. FIG provides community education and public review of U.S. Forest Service management of the Tahoe National Forest.

**Organizational Description:** FIG is a 501 C3 non-profit. FIG focuses its on-the-ground activities on the public lands of the Tahoe National Forest. However, we are also concerned with the U.S. Forest Service management planning on National Forests, and the other Sierra Forests, and how this management and private timber sales impact the Tahoe National Forest.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Current focus is on limiting illegal and unnecessary OHV routes in Travel Management Plans for the national forests.

## **FORESTHILL RESIDENTS FOR RESPONSIBLE GROWTH, INC (FROG)**

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**Sphere of Influence:** Foresthill

**Sub-Region:** North Central

**County:** Placer

**Mission Statement:** We are FROG (Foresthill Residents for respOnsible Growth, Inc.), a grassroots organization whose purpose is to provide facts and information to community residents on development issues that will affect their daily lives.

**Organizational Description:** We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a small group of Board members. We are actively reaching out to the community to bring in new Board members who might have a variety of interests and skills that could be used to benefit both the businesses, residents and other organizations on the "Hill".

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** FROG and Friends of the North Fork sued Placer County in early 2009 over CEQA issues from our Community Plan Amendment. We reached a Settlement Agreement in September, 2010. In the Settlement the County agreed to actively support our community in "Economic Revitalization and Community Amenities"...they are our new best friends! We have created a list of project ideas which include, but are not limited to, a local credit union, Co-Housing/Care Homes, in-line mini hydro plants for our local water district, NRA shooting range, call center, community gardens, biomass plant, energy efficient/fire resistant retrofits to existing homes, etc. We try to think outside the box for project ideas in our community that would solve our jobs/housing imbalance as well as the significant fire issues that we could face on the "Hill"...similar to others who live in the WUI. We live on a ridge and have one way in and one way out.

## FRIENDS OF HOPE VALLEY

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**Sub-Region:** North

**County:** Alpine

**Watershed(s):** Carson, Walker

**Mission Statement:** Friends of Hope Valley is nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and protection of Hope Valley's wild and pristine beauty.

**Organizational Description:** The Friends of Hope Valley is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the historic, recreational and scenic values of Hope Valley, a spectacular alpine valley that lies just south of the Tahoe Basin. The lush meadowlands of Hope Valley, historically used for ranching, lend their open space and pristine beauty to many recreational activities: hiking, skiing, fishing, camping, and photography. Since 1985, "Friends" has worked to preserve the valley by playing a key role supporting public acquisitions. "Friends" also takes an active role with public agencies in the management of Hope Valley, contributing time and funds for special projects and "sweat and muscle" annual workdays, whether that be in fence maintenance, stream restoration or other management needs.

## FRIENDS OF MARIPOSA CREEK

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sub-Region:** South Central

**County:** Mariposa

**Watershed(s):** Mariposa Stream Groups, San Joaquin

**Mission Statement:** Watershed protection and education.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** We are currently focusing on membership growth, creating a website, and pollution source awareness.

Recent accomplishments include convincing the Regional Water Board to test and monitor water quality, association with Sierra Streams Institute, and attracting donated database software for community outreach campaigns.

## FRIENDS OF THE INYO

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:**

**Sub-Region:** Eastern Sierra

**County:** Inyo

**Watershed(s):**

**Mission Statement:** On the eastern edge of California, there exists a vast and wild landscape where bighorn sheep roam across alpine ridges, golden trout brighten tumbling streams and the Milky Way outshines city lights. Millions of people each year enjoy this land where the desert meets the mountains, touching all who experience its quiet, beauty and power.

Since nearly 95 percent of this land is owned by the American people, we have both the opportunity and responsibility to ensure the Eastern Sierra remains wild and free for future generations of people and wildlife. Friends of the Inyo care for this unique national treasure by connecting people to the wonders of the Eastern Sierra's public lands.

**Organizational Description:** Founded in 1986, Friends of the Inyo is a Bishop, CA-based non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation, exploration and stewardship of the region's public lands, made possible through member support, grant funding and federal agency partnerships.

## FRIENDS OF THE NORTH FORK

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** The North Fork American River  
**Sub-Region:** Central  
**County:** Placer  
**Watershed(s):** American

**Mission Statement:** Friends of the North Fork is an all-volunteer group dedicated to protecting the magnificent beauty, remoteness, natural, wild and scenic river, historic, and community values, and the economic benefits of renewable and recreation including visual resources of the North American River watershed.

**Organizational Description:** Friends of the North Fork has had a great deal of success accomplishing our mission goals, and we do this primarily by monitoring the agendas of local, state, regional and federal agencies. We select agenda issues for our involvement that are important for the canyon, and where our effort has the potential to help people in the agencies who want to do what they are hired, appointed or elected to do. When other groups and individuals are engaged in an issue we join the efforts when we may be able to make a difference. We frequently select issues where Friends is the only group involved.

Our work is based primarily from the years each of us has spent hiking, biking, rafting, and staying in the canyon. To this experience we bring skills such as natural resources management, science, law, and policy making. Each project is based on an agency's responsibility for the canyon and their regulations. We acquire in depth familiarity with both the affected environmental setting and the current and past agency files for the area.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** We are engaged in an eight year effort to change the routing of the proposed North Fork American River Trail so it does not bring urban influences to near-wilderness conditions, along with erosion and impacts to the canyon's biology, wildlife, and water. A new issue this year is to protect I-80 in the High Sierra for state scenic highway and historic corridor designations. We appealed a gas station sign variance sought at Cisco exit to the Planning Commission and then to Board of Supervisors where the application was withdrawn. The problem of no public involvement in county sign permits and I-80 corridor Sierra Design agreements is unresolved.

Our work with tribes and river groups resulted in a recent ban on suction gold dredging in the North Fork and other California rivers.

We have a major pending projects based on past successes to prevent canyon rim visual blight and to correct Colfax sewer plant operations (an appeal to the State Water Board is pending). We have made small steps in bringing attention to the problem of untreated and unregulated pollutants that enter rivers and recycled water projects in municipal wastewater.

## **FRIENDS OF THE WEST SHORE**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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**Sphere of Influence:** From Tahoe City to Emerald Bay  
**Sub-Region:** Central  
**County:** Placer/El Dorado  
**Watershed(s):** American, Truckee

**Mission Statement:** Friends of the West Shore works towards the preservation, protection and conservation of the West Shore, our watersheds, wildlife and rural quality of life, for today and future generations.

**Organizational Description:** Friends of the West Shore (FOWS) is a Lake Tahoe, grassroots community conservation organization established to help preserve and enhance the character, scale, environment and historical significance of the West Shore. It is a resource to the community and uses the collaborative efforts of the residents to make a positive impact on the West Shore's environment and neighborhoods. FOWS promotes sustainable communities and policies that enhance our natural resources and the beauty of the West Shore. FOWS has over 500 West Shore residents who respond to our petitions, write letters, provide contributions and support our goals. FOWS is the only grassroots organization on the West Shore giving a collective voice to its residents to preserve the local rural quality of life and environment.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:**

- Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Regional Plan Update
- Litigation on Homewood Mountain Resort's Proposed Expansion
- Pipe Keepers Community Monitoring Pilot Program



## **GOLD COUNTRY FLY FISHERS**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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**Sub-Region:** North  
**County:** Nevada  
**Watershed(s):** Bear, Truckee, Yuba

**Mission Statement:** Support the "catch and release" ethic.

To promote and support the conservation of our water and fisheries.

Provide assistance to members in the skill and techniques of fly fishing.

Publicize and promote fly fishing, fly casting, fly tying, and other related topics.

To represent fly fishers through liaison with sports and conservation organizations, and with regulatory agencies.

**Organizational Description:** We are an active club with 100+ members. The skills of our members range from just beginners to intermediate and beyond.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** We are currently focusing on outreach to local schools with the "Trout in the Classroom" project, Kids' Fishing day, and the Boy Scout merit badge program (fly fishing).

A couple of recent accomplishments are getting fish tanks in local schools and helping about 30 Boy Scouts earned their fly fishing badges.

## HIGH SIERRA RURAL ALLIANCE

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Sierra and Plumas counties

**Sub-Region:** North

**County:** Sierra

**Watershed(s):** Feather River, Little Truckee,  
North Yuba

**Mission Statement:** The HSRA is a non-profit, grassroots organization committed to the preservation and enhancement of the rural Sierra experience. We believe rural values provide a balance between human, economic and environmental well-being.

**Organizational Description:** The HSRA advocates for the establishment and compliance with environmentally protective policies and laws. We develop informational materials; provide educational opportunities for the public and government officials; and, collaborate with other groups to help advance goals which complement our mission. On behalf of the public the HSRA provides professional vigilance and advocacy to protect natural resources and wild lands in Sierra and Plumas Counties from unplanned and unsustainable development.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Sierra County General Plan update.

## JUNE LAKE ADVOCATES

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** June Lake Loop

**Sub-Region:** Eastern

**County:** Mono

**Mission Statement:** To ensure that the community of the June lake Loop develops into a moderately-sized, year-round community that preserves the existing natural environment, mountain lifestyle, and ambience of the area. This will be accomplished in accordance with the wishes of the members, property owners, residents and businesses and in conformity with the Mono County General Plan and June lake Area Plan in existence at the time of the formation of the June Lake Advocates.

**Organizational Description:** Concerned citizens, residents, property owners, supporting businesses and stake holders totaling over 600 members that support moderate development within County and Area Plans.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Provided free legal opinions concerning the recent June 2012 June Lake Ski Area closure announcement. Completed a box holder survey that resulted in 91% of respondents that don't want building heights over 35' and density over 2610 PAOT in the proposed Rodeo Grounds Development.

## LAKE TAHOE WATER TRAIL

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Lake Tahoe Basin  
**Sub-Region:** Central  
**County:** El Dorado  
**Watershed(s):** Truckee

**Mission Statement:** Stewardship is a key component of all water trails. The Lake Tahoe Basin is a spectacular and sensitive environment which we, as stewards, are entrusted to protect. We promote responsible practices to protect wildlife, preserve fragile shoreline vegetation, prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species, and respect private landowner rights. We can minimize our impact on our environment when we follow Leave No Trace principles. Help us reduce our paddle print and protect Lake Tahoe.

**Organizational Description:** The Lake Tahoe Water Trail Association follows the 72 miles of shoreline in Nevada and California. The Lake Tahoe Water Trail Team formed in 2003 to initiate development of the water trail and support its improvement and management. The Lake Tahoe Water Trail Team is a friendly group of paddling advocates who are dedicated to promoting paddling on Lake Tahoe. Our mission is: Promote responsible and fun paddling and environmental stewardship by developing the Lake Tahoe Water Trail for a sustainable future. Team members represent broad interests including fitness and sport activities, business and economic support, conservation, protecting public lake access, and environmental stewardship. The Association holds meetings the first Tuesday of every month at lunchtime to plan and implement group paddle events, coordinate outreach and educational messages to users, and discuss and address emerging concerns such as aquatic invasive species.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Promote stewardship and safe recreation on Lake Tahoe. The Water Trail has recently launched a new website in an effort to expand outreach and garner more support and involvement. The new website offers a number of interactive day-use maps that highlight recommended routes and launch points. The Water Trail has been promoting Tahoe Keepers, a free self-inspection and decontamination training program that provides paddlers with information needed to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

## LEAGUE TO SAVE LAKE TAHOE

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Lake Tahoe Basin  
**Sub-Region:** Central  
**County:** El Dorado  
**Watershed(s):** Truckee

**Mission Statement:** The League to Save Lake Tahoe is dedicated to protecting, restoring, and advocating for the ecosystem health and scenic beauty of the Lake Tahoe Basin. The organization focuses on water quality and its clarity for the preservation of a pristine Lake for future generations.

**Organizational Description:** The League to Save Lake Tahoe is Tahoe's oldest and largest nonprofit environmental advocacy organization. The League is dedicated to protecting, restoring, and advocating for the ecosystem health and scenic beauty of the Lake Tahoe Basin. The organization focuses on water quality and its clarity for the preservation of a pristine Lake for future generations. Since its founding in 1957, the League's prime function has been to monitor development and recreation plans, and to work with local, state and federal lawmakers to take action to save Lake Tahoe. Our focus has been consistent for over 50 years: We urge policy makers to do what is best for the lake over the long-term. We try to persuade them to protect the public's interest in a pristine lake, rather than acquiesce to short-term political, economic or private interests.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** In the beginning of 2012, the League welcomed new Executive Director, Darcie Goodman-Collins, PhD. With a refreshed approach and through collaboration with the Conservation Community, local residents and other key stakeholders, the League is working strategically to ensure that an environmentally acceptable Regional Plan is adopted that maintains and improves environmental standards. The League also will continue to encourage efforts to prevent and reduce Aquatic Invasive Species as well working diligently to stop the decline of nearshore clarity loss. With a full-time Community Engagement Manager on staff and growing volunteer base, the League will refocus on Community Education and Outreach by increasing stewardship and engagement opportunities such as volunteer work days, invasive weed removal projects, and involvement in environmental education initiatives.

## LOCAL WATER STAYS LOCAL

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Shingletown, Manton,  
Inwood, and Viola

**Sub-Region:** North

**County:** Shasta

**Watershed(s):** Battle Creek, Bear Creek

**Mission Statement:** Through all legal, ethical and constitutional means possible, to prevent the depletion of the Shingletown, Inwood, Viola and Manton natural water supply for commercial use.

**Organizational Description:** We are a concerned group of Shingletown, Inwood, Viola and Manton residents, united in an effort to keep local water local. We have a volunteer committee, formed in 2008, comprised of 7 members.

## MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Mariposa County, CA

**Sub-Region:** South Central

**County:** Mariposa

**Watershed(s):** Merced River, Lower Mariposa County Group of Streams and portions of the Chowchilla/Fresno River

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District is to encourage and facilitate cooperative solutions to local resources conservation issues and problems. We provide technical, financial and educational resources, whatever their source, to meet the needs of the local land-users.

**Organizational Description:** In order to preserve the natural beauty and resources of Mariposa County, the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD) is committed to its role as a steward for conservation. By providing leadership, the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District works with all stakeholders to find solutions that conserve the basic natural resources in Mariposa County. To achieve its goals, the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District provides technical assistance to landowners, carries out informational activities, seeks and implements grants and other funding sources, and develops cooperative alliances with other agencies and community organizations. The MCRCD supports a local partnership office that includes professional, technical and clerical staff of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Fiscal agent for Yosemite-Mariposa IRWM recently approved for a DWR IRWM Planning Grant; sponsor of Upper Merced River Watershed Council; recently completed Native Plant Demonstration Garden. Partners with California Department of Conservation, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Sierra Nevada Conservancy, US Forest Service and The Nature Conservancy in multiple projects and conservation efforts.

## **MARIPOSANS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT (MERG)**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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**Sphere of Influence:** Foothills

**County:** Mariposa

**Watershed(s):** Merced River, Chowchilla,  
Lower Mariposa Stream Group

**Mission Statement:** Our organization is primarily devoted to maintaining and improving the quality of life in Mariposa County. We also are interested in regional, state-wide, and federal issues that have an impact in our local area. MERG seeks to lay out the pros and cons of issues so that county residents can make informed decisions about their future. This is done through our website, our newsletter, and public news media as may be appropriate.

**Organizational Description:** Residents of Mariposa County are eligible for membership in MERG which is run by a board of directors which meets on a monthly basis or more frequently if required. Topics of interest are discussed and action initiated as necessary.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** We are working with the National Park Service on the development of the Merced River Plan which we hope will preserve and protect the Merced Wild and Scenic River. We are also concerned about protecting the lower portion of the Merced WSR from encroachment by the Merced Irrigation District for water storage purposes. Proper implementation of the Mariposa County General Plan is an ongoing concern.



## **MILLION GREEN COMMUNITIES**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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**Sphere of Influence:** Sierra-wide  
**County:** All Sierra Counties

**Mission Statement:** Help Communities get Sustainability Projects on the Ground!

**Organizational Description:** Million Green Communities works with CA & NV communities to assist them in saving \$1M or more through strategic green initiatives: programs and projects in their own communities.

### **Current Focus:**

- Educating and training professionals and community members through local schools and colleges on energy and water efficiency and the benefits of various energy and water-saving measures on the environment and the economy.
- Planning and organizing with local non-profits to promote outreach and awareness for energy and water efficiency with a current emphasis on light bulb change-outs, efficiency and savings.
- Promoting green job creation through the creation of "Light Bulb Changers" to accomplish the MGC's light bulb change-out initiative replacing all incandescent and halogen light bulbs with the installation of CFL's and LEDs.
- Developing relationships with local governments, Chambers of Commerce, energy and water utilities to install high-efficiency light bulbs in local government and business buildings

### **Accomplishments:**

- Changed out lighting in halogen light bulbs to CFLs in Factory Outlet stores in Truckee, CA which led to a corporate shift across the country to install more efficient lighting in their stores.
- Have consulted and assisted in the changing of light bulbs in hundreds of businesses in Truckee.
- Creating the "Truckee Green Network" as a case study for one of the Million Green Communities.

## **MONO LAKE COMMITTEE**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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**Sphere of Influence:** Eastern Sierra, Los Angeles, Mono Basin

**Sub-Region:** East

**County:** Mono

**Watershed(s):** Mono Basin, Mono Lake

**Mission Statement:** The Mono Lake Committee is a non-profit citizens' group dedicated to protecting and restoring the Mono Basin ecosystem, educating the public about Mono Lake and the impacts on the environment of excessive water use, and promoting cooperative solutions that protect Mono Lake and meet real water needs without transferring environmental problems to other areas.

**Organizational Description:** In 1978 David Gaines and friends founded the Mono Lake Committee because they believed Mono Lake should not die. The Mono Lake Committee's efforts, now over 30 successful years in length and 16,000 grassroots members strong, are inspired by our love for this wild and natural place—a place where a remarkable salt lake lies at the center of a landscape and ecosystem unmatched elsewhere on earth. As David Gaines often said, the lake speaks for itself and it touches people's hearts.

Today, to make sure the right thing happens for Mono Lake, the Committee works in diverse arenas including public policy, ecological restoration, public education, water conservation, scientific research, and hands-on stewardship.

We are an optimistic community of people who strive for thoughtful solutions to problems, an approach that has been consistently successful for Mono Lake. With a base in science, we seek out principled solutions to Mono Lake problems and advocate for them strongly.

The Committee's landmark success is internationally known: saving Mono Lake from destruction due to the excessive diversion of water to Los Angeles. We revitalized California's Public Trust doctrine through a landmark state Supreme Court decision, implemented programs to meet Los Angeles' real water needs through water conservation and reclamation, and achieved an unprecedented revision of water rights in the Mono Basin that assures Mono Lake will thrive.

Along the way hundreds of thousands of citizens united in support of Mono Lake, and we came to realize that protecting Mono Lake requires us to do even more. Today the Committee tackles new political challenges, advances the restoration of the lake and its deeply damaged tributaries, shares this special place through innovative education programs, promotes stewardship, and broadens Mono Lake knowledge through scientific research. In addition, we provide constant vigilance to protect the hard-won Mono Lake victories we have in place.

### **Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:**

The Mono Lake Committee focuses on protection, restoration, education, and science programs that benefit Mono Lake, its tributary streams, and surrounding lands. These can be as diverse as hydrologic modeling and leading inner city youth to their first encounter with snow in the Sierra. Our website ([www.monolake.org](http://www.monolake.org)), the Mono Lake Newsletter, the Mono Lake Story film, and our many publications provide details on current and ongoing programs and successes.

## MOONLIGHT VALLEY ALLIANCE

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sub-Region:** North Arm or Indian Valley  
and watershed above

**County:** Plumas

**Watershed(s):** Lights Creek, a contributing  
headwater source of the East Branch of the  
North Fork or the Feather River

**Mission Statement:** Protect Indian Valley from the deleterious effects of industrial activity (e.g. large scale acid heap leach style copper mining) in the watershed above Indian Valley.

**Organizational Description:** A group of concerned citizens working together to prevent such activities and secondarily to reduce any negative impacts from these activities should they be allowed.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Currently we are involved in the county General Plan Revision, hoping to incorporate language that would eliminate this type of activity and/or allow us to obtain Sensitive Area status for the North Arm and the watershed above it. The recent Moonlight Fire may be instrumental in obtaining such designation.

## **MOUNTAIN AREA PRESERVATION FOUNDATION**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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**Mission Statement:** Our mission is to preserve the Truckee region's community character and the natural environment for present and future generations.

**Organizational Description:** Founded in 1987 by concerned residents, the Truckee-based Mountain Area Preservation (MAP) was the first in California to negotiate the use of a transfer fee on new development to fund open space acquisitions as a mitigation measure. To date, nearly \$4 million in transfer fees have been used to acquire special places like Waddle Ranch, Negro Canyon, and Billy Mack Canyon.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Martis to Mount Rose: working to connect the landscape preserving 6,700 acres for open space, recreation, and wildlife protection. Project will ultimately create over 50,000 acres of continuous open space from Mt. Rose wilderness to Martis Valley. This is a joint effort amongst MAP, the Truckee Donner Land Trust, Trust for Public Land, and Sierra Watch.

This year we are celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. For 25 years we have successfully advocated for open space and sound land use planning.

## **MOUNTAIN MEADOWS CONSERVANCY**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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**Sub-Region:** Northern

**County:** Lassen

**Watershed(s):** Hamilton Branch, North Fork Feather River

**Mission Statement:** To conserve, protect, and enhance the natural beauty of Mountain Meadows watershed, to protect its significant Mountain Maidu burial and cultural sites, and to provide recreation and public access for generations to come.

**Organizational Description:** MMC is a land trust working in western Lassen Co. to protect one of the upper watersheds of the Feather River, Hamilton Branch of the North Fork Feather River, known as Mountain Meadows. The meadow complex covers 405 square miles at an elevation of 5,000 Ft. and higher.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** MMC has been locked in a prolonged legal battle (12 yrs.) to stop the proposed Dyer Mt. Resort Development that would encompass 7,000 acres with 3 golf courses, and full blown ski resort, 4,200 homes and a new town (Dyerville) which would be the largest in Lassen Co. We are presently appealing a lower court decision to allow the development in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Appeals Court in Sacramento. We are also working to form a new watershed group to bring all interested parties together to come up with a workable plan to protect the meadows and steams in the watershed. And, in our community, Westwood, we are working to form a redevelopment plan to deal with an old mill site (470 acres) in the middle of our community.

## **NORTH FORK AMERICAN RIVER ALLIANCE**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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**Mission Statement:** To preserve the wild, scenic and cultural heritage within the watershed of the North Fork American River.

**Organizational Description:** NFARA is a small, all volunteer 501(c)3 public benefit corporation. We believe that by working together private property owners, public agencies, land trusts and other interested parties can preserve the wild and scenic heritage of the North ForkF. Our goal is to be a constructive voice in the management of the region. We actively participate in public workshops and public agency management plans and form coalitions with like minded groups and individuals. Community programs are routinely sponsored in an effort to educate the public about the area. We have adopted several trails and frequently organize volunteer work parties.

**Current Focus:** Current issues include protecting public access to our public lands, managing off highway vehicle use on public lands, preserving the outstanding view shed of the American River Canyon, and FERC relicensing on the Middle Fork. Our most recent issue is protecting the Wild and Scenic North Fork American River from environmentally damaging suction dredge mining.

### **Recent Accomplishments:**

- > NFARA was a member of a coalition that helped stop the large Royal Gorge development project proposed for Donner Summit.
- > NFARA has taken successful legal action in keeping Lost Camp Road and access to China Bar Trail open to the public.
- > NFARA has taken the lead in Placer County in opposing suction dredge mining on the North Fork, other Wild and Scenic Rivers, and other rivers contaminated with mercury. We helped convince the Placer County Board of Supervisors to oppose such mining. We have joined a statewide coalition of environmental, tribal, and fisheries groups in a lawsuit against the California Department of Fish and Game to stop the Suction Dredge Mining Program.

## PACIFIC RIVERS COUNCIL

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** OR, Northern CA, WA, MT, ID  
**County:**  
**Watershed(s):**

**Mission Statement:** Protect and restore rivers and their watersheds and the native aquatic species that depend on them.

**Organizational Description:** PRC, a not-for-profit river conservation organization, employs six conservation professionals, numerous contractors and has a 14 member Board of Directors consisting of leading aquatic scientists, economists and government and business policy experts. PRC leverages the best available science to advocate sound conservation policy on federal, state and private lands in order to protect the best remaining aquatic systems and restore the rest.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Defending the aquatic protections of the Northwest Forest Plan on BLM managed "O&C" lands in Western Oregon. Publications of "Conservation of Freshwater Ecosystems on the Sierra Nevada: Policy Analysis and Recommendations for the Future." Forest planning litigation on the Sierra Nevada. Protecting wild salmon and steelhead in coastal Oregon rivers in ODFW harvest and hatchery planning effort. Development of water white paper regarding management of Mt. Hood National Forest.

## PLACER LAND TRUST

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**County:** Placer

**Sub-Region:** North

**Watershed(s):** American River (North/Middle Fork), Bear Creek, Coon Creek, South Fork Yuba River

**Mission Statement:** Placer Land Trust (PLT) works with willing landowners and conservation partners to permanently preserve natural and agricultural lands in Placer County for future generations.

**Organizational Description:** Placer Land Trust is a private, non-governmental 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization. The trust is an accredited member of the Land Trust Alliance. In cooperation with willing landowners and with community support, Placer Land Trust forges effective and long-lasting protection for our land and our heritage. Working with willing landowners, the trust has permanently protected over 7,000 acres to date.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** While Placer Land Trust works throughout Placer County on a variety of landscapes and critical issues, our current focuses are in the oak woodland foothills along the Bear River and Coon Creek watersheds and in valley grasslands of Western Placer County. PLT is striving to protect endangered and threatened habitat as well as actively restoring habitat for critical and listed species. In addition, PLT has listed the first Oak Woodland Carbon Sequestration project through the Climate Action Reserve (CAR) in the Sierra foothills. We are hoping to have this project fully registered in 2013.



## PLANNING AND CONSERVATION LEAGUE

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Statewide  
**Sub-Region:**  
**County:**  
**Watershed(s):**

**Mission Statement:** The Planning & Conservation League and PCL Foundation are Sacramento-based nonprofit organizations that work in concert to connect the power of grassroots organizations to state government in order to promote policies that protect our environment and improve the quality of life and economic security for all Californians.

**Organizational Description:** PCL partners with hundreds of California environmental organizations, to provide an effective voice in Sacramento for sound planning and responsible environmental policy at the state level. These partner organizations rely on PCL's presence at the Capitol to not only shape environmental policy, but also keep them informed about issues of concern. Every year, hundreds of laws are passed that affect our quality of life, and PCL has and continues to work for sustainable communities and sound water policies.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** PCL's current focus and accomplishments include:

- Fighting to protect the integrity of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), including leading coalitions efforts that successfully stopped SB 317 (Rubio), which would have essentially ended CEQA as we know it, this last legislative session;
- Advocating for more sensible and holistic statewide water planning, including leading efforts to influence the California Department of Water's State Water Plan Update, and leading a dialogue among dozens of stakeholders exploring feasible near-term projects to improve the health of the Delta.
- Continuing to lead efforts on California's largest dam removal (the San Clemente Dam on the Carmel River), which should break ground in last 2012/early 2013;
- Advocating for smart land-use and transportation planning in California, including leading environmental efforts to promote a 'greener' High Speed Rail project that will use a blended approach to foster greater local environmental benefits.
- Advocating for natural resource protection as part of AB 32 cap-and-trade revenue allocation.

## RESTORE HETCH HETCHY

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Yosemite  
**Sub-Region:**  
**County:** San Francisco  
**Watershed(s):** Tuolumne River

**Mission Statement:** The mission of Restore Hetch Hetchy is to return the Hetch Hetchy Valley in Yosemite National Park to its natural splendor while continuing to meet the water supply needs of all communities that depend on the Tuolumne River.

**Organizational Description:** Situated inside Yosemite National Park, the Hetch Hetchy Valley was described by John Muir as “one of nature’s rarest and most precious mountain temples.” The pristine Tuolumne River flowed along the valley floor, surrounded by flowered meadows and ancient forests which teemed with bears and bobcats, rushes and eagles. Indeed, Hetch Hetchy Valley was considered one of the most unique and diverse ecosystems in the world.

Initially protected by the establishment of Yosemite National Park, in 1913 the city of San Francisco won congressional approval to build the O’Shaughnessy Dam, which buried this extraordinary wilderness valley under 300 feet of water. Although John Muir was unsuccessful in preventing this from happening, his rigorous campaign resulted in the creation of an international environmental conservation movement.

Modern engineering advances afford us the opportunity to remove the reservoir and create one of the most ambitious and exciting environmental restoration projects in human history. As a living laboratory, Hetch Hetchy will advance the science of restoration by providing biologists, ecologists and botanists from all over the world with the chance to apply cutting-edge science to re-establishing lost habitats.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** We have placed an initiative on the November ballot in San Francisco asking voters to approve forming a task force to look at how SF handles its water and ultimately looking at restoring Hetch Hetchy Valley

## RURAL QUALITY FOUNDATION

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sub-Region:** North  
**County:** Nevada  
**Watershed(s):** Bear, Yuba

**Mission Statement:** The Rural Quality Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to a common Sierra Foothill mission and goals to conserve and enhance a vigorous and sustainable balance between people, the economy, and natural resources, and to the advancement of policies and programs that foster this balance.

**Organizational Description:** We all know that the RQC was formed under a pine tree (or was it a cedar tree) in Pioneer Park in Nevada City in 1993. The founders were a group of citizens who were frustrated that the very conservative majority on the then-Board of Supervisors (Christine Foster, Karen Knecht, Fran Grattan, and Rene Antonson) had out-voted Supervisor Sam Dardick and summarily thrown-out the planning recommendations of 500 citizens. Those citizens had responded to the Board's request for volunteers to help with a comprehensive update of the 1980 General Plan. The 500 collectively spent hundreds of hours developing strong planning recommendations that only Supervisor Dardick and then-Planning Commissioners Izzy Martin and Barbara Green wanted to hear. The founding members of the RQC immediately went to work. The Board of Supervisors authorized a 17-person Steering Committee to work with the consultants and the public in developing Goals, Objectives and Policies and the Land Use Map for the new Plan. Steering Committee members were appointed by the interest group they were to represent. RQC member Peter Van Zant represented neighborhood organizations, and Laurie Oberholtzer represented Nevada City. Even though RQC members and other advocates for environmental protection and thoughtful planning were outnumbered on the Steering Committee, the focus of the pro-development majority on the Committee was primarily on the Land Use Map so that many good, hard fought for, policies emerged and survived during the five-year update process.

## **SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY LEADERSHIP FORUM**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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**Sphere of Influence:** Sierra Nevada and San Joaquin Valley

**County:** Fresno

**Watershed(s):** San Joaquin River and Tulare Lake Basin Hydrologic Regions

**Mission Statement:** The San Joaquin Valley Leadership Forum (SJVLF) is dedicated to promoting education, outreach and awareness to the public, individuals and organizations regarding various socio-economic and demographic challenges within the eight (8) county region of the San Joaquin Valley in California.

**Organizational Description:** The organization's primary focus include capacity building, research, analysis, outreach and education within the following areas of socio-economic and demographical challenges: water resources, land use, air quality, waste management, energy, agriculture, education, public safety, economic development, transportation, housing, community health, volunteerism, and public service.

## SEQUOIA FORESTKEEPER

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Sequoia National Forest and the Giant Sequoia National Monument.

**Sub-Region:** Southern Sierra Nevada

**County:** Kern, Tulare

**Watershed(s):** Kern River

**Mission Statement:** Sequoia ForestKeeper's mission is to protect and restore the ecosystems of the southern Sierra Nevada - including both Sequoia National Forest and the Giant Sequoia National Monument - through monitoring, enforcement, education, and litigation. SFK seeks to improve land management practices, to promote land stewardship, to enforce existing laws and regulations, to implement public awareness programs, and to offer assistance to local land management agencies. Sequoia ForestKeeper is the only organization working on the ground in the community adjacent to the forest to protect the Giant Sequoia National Monument and Sequoia National Forest.

**Organizational Description:** Sequoia ForestKeeper serves as the eyes, ears, and voice of Sequoia National Forest and Giant Sequoia National Monument through monitoring, enforcement, education, and litigation.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Preventing harmful and illegal projects and plans from being implemented in Sequoia National Forest and the Giant Sequoia National Monument. In 2011, SFK's lawsuit against the US Forest Service revoked a permit that stopped a local rancher from diverting the entire flow of Fay Creek, a stream in Sequoia National Forest, a tributary of the South Fork Kern River, which is a precedent-setting court ruling that will protect watersheds throughout the country. In 2012 SFK's lawsuit against the US Forest Service resulted in a nationwide victory when a Federal Court ruled that Forest Service Logging-related Categorical Exclusions are illegal based on SFK's new Complaint against Illegal Forest Service Regulations that Prevent Public Involvement in Managing Federal Lands.

## SEQUOIA RIVERLANDS TRUST

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Southern Sierra and  
Southern San Joaquin Valley  
**County:** Tulare/Fresno/Kern/Kings  
**Watershed(s):** Kaweah, Tule, Deer Creek, Kern,  
Kings

**Mission Statement:** Our mission is to protect working landscapes, wildlife habitat and scenic open spaces, while ensuring that economic growth in our communities remains vibrant and sustainable.

**Organizational Description:** Sequoia Riverlands Trust (SRT) is a regional, non-profit Central California land trust.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** SRT engages landowners, farmers, conservationists, agencies, other non profits, and business partners in the counties of Tulare, Fresno, Kern and Kings to collaborate on behalf of Central Valley California heartland with land conservation.

## SHASTA LAND TRUST

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Shasta County, Northern California

**Sub-Region:** North

**County:** Shasta

**Watershed(s):** Cow Creek, Bear Creek, Fall River, Battle Creek, Cottonwood Creek

**Mission Statement:** Conserving the beauty, character and diversity of significant lands in far northern California

**Organizational Description:** Shasta Land Trust was founded in 1998 as a non-profit organization dedicated to permanently conserving open space, wildlife habitat, and agricultural land. In our fourteen year history, Shasta Land Trust has been successful with many conservation [accomplishments](#), and continues to work towards meaningful and lasting [land protection](#) for our region.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Shasta Land Trust continues to work with willing landowners to protect significant private properties that offer important benefits to the public when conserved. A conservation easement acquisition in late 2010 increased the total land protected with SLT conservation easements to over 20,000 acres. In 2011, SLT earned accredited status, one of the first 8% of land trusts nationwide to receive this distinction. For the past couple of years, SLT has worked with a coalition of non-profit partners to pursue acquisition of an 80-mile railroad property which will be converted into a public recreation trail. SLT and the railroad signed a purchase agreement for the acquisition in the spring of 2012 and is currently completing project planning and fundraising with a host of other supporting organizations.

## **SIERRA BUTTES/LAKES BASIN COALITION**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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**Sub-Region:** North

**County:** Sierra

**Watershed(s):** Truckee, Yuba

**Mission Statement:** We are dedicated to the preservation and protections of the Sierra Buttes/Lakes Basin Special Treatment Area (STA) in Sierra County.

**Organizational Description:** We monitor proposed development in the STA to assure it complies with the local Sierra County General Plan, Sierra County Ordinances, and California State law.



## SIERRA CLUB – KERN KAWEAH CHAPTER

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Kern County, southern portions of Kings and Tulare Counties  
**Sub-Region:** Four Sub-Groups: Mineral King, Buena Vista, Condor, and Owens Peak (sub-groups include sections)  
**County:**  
**Watershed(s):** Kern, Kaweah, Kings, and Tule Rivers

**Mission Statement:** To Explore, Enjoy, and Protect the Planet

Main National Goals: Climate Recovery through 6 National Campaigns: Beyond Coal, Resilient Habitats, Clean Energy Solutions, Federal and International Climate Campaign, and Green Transportation.

**Organizational Description:** The Kern-Kaweah Chapter is one of 13 Sierra Club chapters in California. We conduct business through elected Executive Committee members. The Kern-Kaweah Chapter includes the Sierra Nevada mountains and foothills, part of the Mojave Desert, and Southern San Joaquin Valley.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** The Kern-Kaweah Chapter is the smallest California chapter, with only 1,300 members. Our issues are:

- (1) Smart Growth issues and County and City General Plan amendments – we have several current lawsuits.
- (2) Beyond Coal - Hydrogen Energy California, which proposes to import coal to California and discharge 10% of the CO2 generated into the atmosphere.
- (3) Forest Issues – Giant Sequoia National Monument = logging in various excuses, OHV abuses – grazing damage –about 30 projects are proposed quarterly by the US Forest Service, which we must consider and oppose if they are harmful or illegal.
- (4) Large area, industrial wind and solar projects on farmland and wildlife habitats for implementation on private land in Kern and Tulare Counties must be considered and opposed based on the conditions.
- (5) The chapter has meetings and outings on a regular basis by our four sub-groups, with as many as 35 hikers on our hikes and as many as 600 persons from the public at public meetings.
- (6) The chapter also holds meetings for students of the local college and university.

## SIERRA CLUB – MAIDU CHAPTER

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Amador, El Dorado counties

**Sub-Region:** Central

**County:** El Dorado

**Watershed(s):** American, Cosumnes, Mokelumne, Rubicon

**Mission Statement:** TO EXPLORE, ENJOY, AND PROTECT THE PLANET

**Organizational Description:** The Maidu Group of the Sierra Club works in El Dorado and Amador counties, working on land use planning and sprawl prevention; protection of water resources and watersheds; monitoring of privatization of hydro-electric and water delivery systems and transfer of systems from federal to local ownership; monitoring of waste treatment facilities; open space and habitat protection; protection of endangered, threatened, and rare species; monitoring and enforcement of mining regulations; monitoring and enforcement of timber harvest activity and regulations.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** We focus on local issues, such as commenting to the appropriate public bodies about development, forestry activity, and OHV use. We have been instrumental in bringing Resource Allocation Committee grants to Sierra Nevada trail construction and maintenance projects. With other organizations, we have been involved in bringing regulation to the Rubicon Trail, requiring that vehicular activities be confined to the historical trail, and that actions be taken to mitigate degradation of the area's watershed.

## SIERRA CLUB – MOTHER LODGE CHAPTER

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** 24 eastern California counties from the northern boundary of Yosemite National Park to the Oregon border

**Watershed(s):** many

**Mission Statement:** To explore, enjoy and protect the planet.

**Organizational Description:** One of 13 Sierra Club chapters in California, and the largest. The chapter is made up of 11 local Sierra Club groups, each encompassing 1-3 counties.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** A great deal of our attention is focused on the Sierra Nevada, partnering with the national Sierra Club's Sierra Nevada Resilient Habitats Campaign. On public lands the focus of the campaign is on influencing Forest Service updates of the Resource Management Plans for national forests, while on private lands our focus is on a renewed campaign to end clear-cutting in the Sierra Nevada.

## SIERRA CLUB – PLACER GROUP

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Placer County

**Sub-Region:** West of the Sierra Summit

**County:** Placer County

**Watershed(s):** American Basin—Auburn Ravine,  
Dry Creek, American River

**Mission Statement:** Same as national Sierra Club.

**Organizational Description:** Protect and preserve the rich ecological and environmental resources in Placer County.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Current focus is on egregious development proposals in Placer County (including litigation and other professional intervention when needed), water issues, and wastewater challenges. Placer Group is actively involved in the Placer County Conservation Plan (PCCP), has participated in the Middle Fork American River FERC Relicensing, and submits comments on Draft EIRs as much as time allows.

## SIERRA CLUB - RANGE OF LIGHT GROUP

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Mission Statement:** To explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth; To practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources; To educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment; and to use all lawful means to carry out these objectives. [note: this is the mission statement of the national Sierra Club].

**Organizational Description:** Range of Light is one of 4 groups that make up the Toiyabe Chapter of the Sierra Club. The Toiyabe Chapter encompasses all of Nevada and the Eastern Sierra of California. Our group also participates in activities of the California Sierra Club as well as the CNRCC (California-Nevada Regional Conservation Committee, including its —Desert and —Wilderness committees).

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** 2012 is our group's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Members are actively engaged in the Inyo-Mono IRWMP, in the group developing the Owens dry lakebed Master Plan, in the Bodie Partnership Coalition seeking protective designation for the Bodie Hills, in developing the trail system for Mammoth Lakes, and in development of a new Inyo National Forest management plan. With others, we filed a lawsuit in 2011 against the Inyo County General Plan Amendment that would have opened unsuitable areas of the county to renewable energy development without CEQA review and this year filed a lawsuit against LADWP regarding its Big Pine Regreening project – specifically objecting to ground water pumping provisions.

## SIERRA CLUB – SIERRA NEVADA GROUP

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Sierra

**Sub-Region:** Northern

**County:** Nevada/Yuba/Sierra

**Watershed(s):** Yuba

**Mission Statement:** The Sierra Club mission is to explore, enjoy and protect the planet.

**Organizational Description:** We are involved in the community, participating in local issues that affect our environment: mining, forestry, toxins, population, land use issues, as well as providing such recreational activities as hiking, canoeing, picnics, a fall fundraiser Run Through The Colors and service projects.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Commenting on mining projects in the area, private forest timber harvest plans, development projects on sensitive land, protecting grasslands from inappropriate development, saving Clair Tappaan Lodge for future generations.

## SIERRA CLUB – TAHOE AREA

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**Sub-Region:** Central

**County:** El Dorado, Placer, Carson, Washoe, Douglas

**Watershed(s):** Tahoe Basin

**Mission Statement:** The Sierra Club's mission is: To explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth; To practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources; To educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment; and to use all lawful means to carry out these objectives. The Tahoe Area Sierra Club (TASC) subscribes to this mission and works specifically to achieve the protection and enhancement of the lake and ecosystem of the Tahoe Basin.

**Organizational Description:** The Tahoe Area Sierra Club Group (TASC) works to protect and preserve Lake Tahoe and its watershed, and we like to get out and enjoy it too! We meet the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Douglas County Fire Station in Round Hill and feature guest speakers from around the basin to share information pertinent to conservation and community engagement. We focus on several issues: watch-dogging the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) to make sure the agency does its job of protecting Lake Tahoe; educating the public about opportunities to bolster conservation engagement in the basin; and volunteering for and sponsoring conservation activities and events around the Lake. We host outings: e.g. hiking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing with other conservation-minded people.

## SIERRA CLUB – TEHIPITE CHAPTER

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Mission Statement:** To explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth; To practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources; To educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment; and to use all lawful means to carry out these objectives.

**Organizational Description:** The Tehipite Chapter is one of 12 Sierra Club chapters in California. We have 1,950 active members.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Supports protection and restoration of endangered species and habitat, including the salmon restoration in the San Joaquin River. \* Advocates to protect agricultural and grazing lands from sprawl development. Now in court to challenge Fresno County approval of the Friant Ranch project that would build 4,500 homes on grazing lands. \* Participated in a coalition that led the City of Fresno to adopt its first-ever “smart-growth” General Plan Update. \* Involved with National Forest planning, including the Giant Sequoia National Monument and the Sierra National Forest. \* Organizes with San Joaquin Valley-wide environmental organizations to fight climate change (SB 375), sprawl and to improve our Valley air quality. Signed on to EarthJustice lawsuits against the EPA to enforce the Clean Air Act in the San Joaquin Valley. \* Advocates for protection of Sierra Nevada forests and opposes clearcuts in any forests. \* Opposes opening up Forest Service roadless areas or BLM lands for road-building, mining, drilling or logging without an EIS. \* Filed a lawsuit in federal court to reverse a 2011 oil and gas (fracking) lease sale by the Bureau of Land Management in Fresno and Monterey counties and opposes a proposed 2012 lease sale without an Environmental Impact Statement. \* Advocates to expand rooftop solar energy and to limit solar energy development on productive farmland.



## SIERRA CLUB – YAHİ GROUP

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**Sphere of Influence:** Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Plumas, and Tehama counties

**Sub-Region:** North

**County:** Butte

**Watershed(s):** Feather, Susan, Upper Sacramento,

**Mission Statement:** The Sierra Club mission is to explore, enjoy and protect the planet.

**Organizational Description:** A regional unit of the Sierra Club, the Yahi Group covers a five county region, with most of its leadership in the Chico and Paradise area. The 1500 members have interests in both the conservation and enjoyment of wilderness and the natural world. The Group organizes hiking and other outdoor activities; it also provides a focused response to environmental issues in the region. It is operated entirely by volunteers.

## **SIERRA CYCLING FOUNDATION**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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**Sub-Region:** Eastern  
**County:** Mono  
**Watershed(s):** Carson, Mono Basin, Owens Walker

**Mission Statement:** Our mission is to promote cycling and improve cycling conditions in the Eastern Sierra.

**Organizational Description:** SCF advocates bicycle safety and education of cyclists as well as motor vehicle operators. We strongly support the “share the road” concept and continually strive to add more miles of “share the road” signs. We support the use of the bicycle for fitness, recreation, rehabilitation and transportation, bicycle-safety training for children, mandatory helmet laws, and safer road conditions by working with public works and planning departments in Inyo and Mono counties, the town of Mammoth Lakes, the city of Bishop and Caltrans, District 9.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Our current focus is on getting “kids riding bikes.” Partnering with the Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation, ten bicycles were purchased for dry land training for the mountain ski (alpine and Nordic) and snowboard teams. We have also just begun discussing with Mammoth Unified High School the establishment of a mountain bike program, hopefully leading to the formation of a mountain bike race team.

## SIERRA FOOTHILLS AUDUBON SOCIETY

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**County:** Nevada/Placer/Yuba

**Watershed(s):** Yuba

**Mission Statement:** It is the Mission of the Sierra Foothills Audubon Society to educate ourselves and others to the variety and the beauty of our natural environment and to protect our wildlife and natural places.

**Organizational Description:** SFAS is A California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation and a chapter of the National Audubon Society.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** SFAS provided in-classroom presentations to multiple schools in Nevada County. We also participate in activities to protect foothill grassland habitat.

## SIERRA FUND

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:**

**Sub-Region:** North

**County:** Nevada

**Watershed(s):** Truckee, Yuba

**Mission Statement:** The Sierra Fund is the only nonprofit community foundation dedicated to the Sierra Nevada. Our mission is to increase and organize investment in the regions natural resources and communities. We pursue this mission three ways: through **Advocacy** to bring public funding to the region, **Philanthropy** to provide a vehicle for private funding, and **Strategic Campaigns** that pursue critically needed programs in the Sierra.

**Organizational Description:** The Sierra Fund was established in 2001 as the only community foundation dedicated exclusively to saving the Sierra Nevada. Our mission is to protect and preserve the Sierra for all who love it and who depend on its abundant resources. We do this by partnering with private donors and public agencies to increase and organize conservation investments in the land, air, water and human resources of the Sierra Nevada. The Sierra Fund pursues its mission in three ways, all of which are directed by our [Integrated Sierra Investment Strategy](#) (ISIS), which is comprised of three parts: philanthropy, advocacy, strategic campaigns. Please see our website for details.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** We are working on the following activities as part of our strategic campaign on mining:

1. Publicize and post abandoned mines and fish advisories
2. Focused outreach to public health and medical professionals
3. Specific policy proposals to incentivize cleanup of abandoned mines
4. Development of specific pilot projects and promotion of "green solutions" incentives

Highlights of our work over the last year include:

- Winning a lasting moratorium on the destructive practice of suction dredge mining, which will stay in effect until the state develops regulations that pay for the program and protect water quality, wildlife and cultural resources.
- Convening another successful Reclaiming the Sierra conference that brought together experts, community advocates, leaders, industry representatives and many others to discuss innovative solutions to California's toxic mining legacy.
- Establishing an exciting new partnership with California State University, Chico around our Humbug Creek Watershed Assessment Project
- Serving as leaders of a group of five organizations and agencies to integrate mercury cleanup projects under the umbrella of the Cosumnes, American Bear Yuba (CABY) IRWMP
- Launching our campaign to bring results of our environmental health studies to clinic staff in the Sierra and downstream low-income communities, and securing funding from the EPA Environmental Justice program to continue this outreach in the next year.

## SIERRA INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Rural, Forested  
 Communities in the West  
**Sub-Region:**  
**County:** Plumas  
**Watershed(s):** Upper Feather

**Mission Statement:** Located in the Sierra Nevada hamlet of Taylorsville, the Sierra Institute for Community and Environment (Institute) has dedicated itself to building thriving rural communities while promoting resilient, ecologically rich, and productive forests that are valued for the full suite of ecosystem services they provide. Recognizing the direct relationship rural communities have with forest landscapes, the Institute strives to promote social, environmental, and economic approaches that are sustainable from human and ecological perspectives.

**Organizational Description:** The Sierra Institute for Community and Environment promotes healthy and sustainable forests and watersheds by investing in the well-being of rural communities and strengthening their participation in natural resource decisions and programs. For nearly 20 years, the Institute has developed innovative, place-based programs by engaging rural stakeholders through applied research, pilot studies, and collaborative problem solving

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Facilitating collaborative resource management, including citizen involvement in the Upper Feather River Watershed and all-Lands management efforts in Burney-Hat Creek, Amador-Calaveras, and Dinkey Creek. Developing new tools for forest restoration and community revitalization, including biomass feasibility, barriers, and local implementation; and ecosystem re-investment mechanism development. Improving the health and well-being of rural residents by coordination among healthcare providers in Plumas and Sierra Counties and creating positive, healthy opportunities for young people. Connecting people to the landscape through summer educational tours focused on the relationships between natural resources and communities and natural resources education for high school juniors and Seniors in Greenville.

- National assessment of outcomes and lessons from Secure Rural Schools legislation that provides funds for rural schools and roads, as well as mandating collaboration for forest restoration through citizen Resource Advisory Committees
- Assessed stakeholder interest and developed the Almanor Basin Watershed Advisory Committee in collaboration with the Plumas County Board of Supervisors
- Strategic planning for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy on indicators of sustainability
- Assessment of socio-economic watershed indicators in Mariposa County
- Burney Hat Creek watershed socio-economic assessment
- Burney Hat Creek stakeholder assessments and the institutional opportunities to make assessments move forward
- Creation of an RCD collaborative with the Burney Hat Creek Forest and Watershed group
- Facilitated and provided staff support to Lassen National Park watershed advisory committee
- Created the Northern Sierra Collaborative Health Network between three hospitals in Plumas and Sierra Counties
- Brought together the Amador-Calaveras Consensus Group and the Burney Hat Creek group to leverage support and obtain federal funds

## SIERRA STREAMS INSTITUTE

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**County:** Nevada

**Watershed(s):** Deer Creek

**Mission Statement:** Sierra Streams Institute's mission is to promote community stewardship and scientific knowledge of watersheds through monitoring, research, restoration and education.

**Organizational Description:** Sierra Streams Institute, formerly Friends of Deer Creek, is a citizen-run water quality monitoring group based in Nevada City, California in the Sierra Nevada foothills. Focusing on scientific investigation and methods, the highly trained group of staff and volunteers is recognized as a model of how individual citizens can come together under the guidance of expert staff to use science to protect the environment. After more than ten years of comprehensive data collection and scientific investigation, we offer scientific leadership for the entire Sierra Nevada. This role has several facets: scientific research, monitoring, training, education, lab services, restoration and cultural heritage preservation. In this leadership role we serve the citizen monitoring community by providing the skills and knowledge needed by agencies, groups, and individuals, in order to establish the capacity to monitor and assess their watersheds.

### **Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:**

- A comprehensive river monitoring program:
  - 15 water quality, macroinvertebrate, and diatom monitoring sites on Deer Creek and its tributaries
  - 10 years of monthly water quality and biannual macroinvertebrate monitoring data
  - Annual physical habitat assessment since 2000
  - 3 years of fish count data, 2 years of pebble count data, five years of algae biomass data, 2 years of geomorphological data
  - An endangered species assessment
  - One of only five non-governmental agencies in the nation conducting macroinvertebrate taxonomic identification to the family level, a vital indicator of creek health
  - Development and publication of *The Bug Book*, for macroinvertebrate identification
- Data and analysis of wastewater effluent provided to local governments to guide policy decisions
- Hands-on educational programs, including classroom and field instruction for junior high and high school groups, and a college internship program
- Heavy metal study and remediation: Selected by the California State Regional Control Board to undertake an assessment of mercury contamination caused by gold mining practices
- In 2006, in partnership with the city of Nevada City, we were awarded a heavy metal assessment grant from the EPA's Brownfields program. In 2010, we received cleanup funding for three projects at the assessed abandoned mine Brownfields sites.
- Collecting and analyzing stormwater samples to determine whether mercury is transported downstream over dams trapped in the algae-sediment mixture
- We are developing an 8 mile trail along the creek (half is completed), with 50 acres of habitat restoration, funded by California Resources Agency and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.
- Training and processing laboratory samples for watershed groups in neighboring watersheds
- We collaborated with Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board to test recreational areas for *E.coli*, and are now working with the county Environmental Health Department to spur action in response to our findings in order to protect public health.
- Developing and implementing a gravel augmentation plan for lower Deer Creek to improve salmon spawning habitat.

## SIERRA WATCH

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Sierra-wide

**Sub-Region:**

**County:**

**Watershed(s):** Truckee River, American River, Yuba River, Bear River, Feather River

**Mission Statement:** Sierra Watch secures permanent protection of Sierra Nevada landscapes by transforming development threats into conservation opportunities.

**Organizational Description:** We maintain a small leadership staff, coordinating a shared commitment and combining in-house capacity with external expertise to secure conservation victories.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Sierra Watch is providing effective leadership to important Sierra conservation issues. On Donner Summit, Sierra Watch played the lead role in turning back misguided development proposals; now we're helping to fund an agreement to purchase and protect the entire Royal Gorge property -- the heart of the Summit Region. In Martis Valley, we continue to build on our remarkable track record of conservation success. We're mobilizing overwhelming opposition to a proposed dam on the Bear River. And we continue to support Mountain Meadows Conservancy in its heroic effort to defend Dyer Mountain -- threatened with the biggest development proposal in the Northern Sierra.

## **SLOW FOOD – LAKE TAHOE CHAPTER**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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**Sphere of Influence:** Lake Tahoe Basin

**Sub-Region:** Central

**County:** El Dorado

**Watershed(s):** Truckee

**Mission Statement:** *Slow Food Lake Tahoe's mission is to reconnect people to the enjoyment of local, seasonal and sustainable food while educating the community about their vital role as participants in our food system.*

**Organizational Description:** Slow Food Lake Tahoe is a chapter of Slow Food USA. They hold various educational events, co-sponsor a community garden and educate on and connect the community to local food.

### **Current Focus:**

- Reconnecting people to the enjoyment of local, seasonal and sustainable food while educating the community about their vital role as participants in our food system, and holding various community events throughout the year to popularize this movement.
- Holding a speaker series held in the Truckee Community Garden.
- Educating the public about current food policy issues and advocacy.
- Holding movies nights with films regarding the food issues.

### **Accomplishments:**

- Brought local farmers into the community to educate residents about where their food comes from.
- Held "how to's" for cooking seasonal veggies or cooking unusual CSA veggies.
- Connected residents to local chefs in town who do food demonstrations.
- Sponsored events in the Truckee Community Garden.



## **SMALL WORLD**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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**Sub-Region:** Central  
**Watershed(s):** Lake Tahoe, Truckee

**Mission Statement:** The mission of Small World is to create a global community of parents and families committed to ensuring a peaceful, livable, just planet for all children on earth.

**Organizational Description:** To bring about the change we wish to see in the world, ***Small World*** will support creation of family networks working in their families, communities, states and countries for peace, sustainability and opportunities for all children. We will provide regular, perhaps monthly, focus areas such as "local food" or "non-violent education." ***Small World*** will provide connectivity among locally-based family networks, for the purpose of sharing ideas, resources, strategies and coordinated action on national or international efforts.

### **Current Focus:**

- Obtaining pledges of commitment to work for the well-being of all children on earth.
- Networking of parents and families to achieve goals.
- Building Tahoe Small World group.
- Working on plans to construct growing domes at schools or other sites in the Tahoe Community.
- Striving to increase the amount of locally & sustainably grown food available in school lunch programs.
- Exploring sustainability campaigns for support, such as a plastic bag ban in South Lake Tahoe, and participation in national efforts sponsored by groups.

### **Recent Accomplishments:**

- Acquired hundreds of pledges from 18 states and 3 countries within first six months.
- Connected a San Joaquin Valley grower with Tahoe schools to provide fresh citrus to students.
- Participated in calls with Afghan youth working for peace.
- Conducted compassionate communication workshops.
- Established regular gatherings for parents and children to plan projects and campaigns.

## **SNOWLANDS NETWORK**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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**Mission Statement:** Snowlands Network is dedicated to promoting opportunities for human-powered winter recreation and protecting winter wildlands in California and Nevada.

**Organizational Description:** We educate the general public and advocate to public agencies on preserving and protecting our winter wildlands. We work to ensure that all can enjoy high quality human-powered winter recreation on our public lands in California and Nevada.

## **SOUTH YUBA RIVER CITIZENS LEAGUE (SYRCL)**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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**Sphere of Influence:** Nevada, Yuba, and Sierra Counties.

**Sub-Region:**

**County:** Nevada

**Watershed(s):** Yuba

**Mission Statement:** *SYRCL unites the community to protect and restore the Yuba River. Motivated by our love for this watershed, we advocate powerfully, engage in active stewardship, educate the public, and inspire activism from the Sierra to the sea.*

**Organizational Description:** SYRCL is the leading voice for the protection and restoration of the Yuba River and the Greater Yuba Watershed. Founded in 1983 through a rural, grassroots campaign to defend the South Yuba River from proposed hydropower dams, SYRCL has developed into a vibrant community organization with over 3,500 members and volunteers based in Nevada City, CA. Current priorities include restoring wild salmon and steelhead to the upper Yuba River, engaging citizens in river monitoring, restoring aquatic and terrestrial habitat, and organizing the community to protect and advocate for their watershed. SYRCL produces the annual Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Festival, which uses film to inform people about the state of the environment and inspire them to take action.

SYRCL believes the role of an activist organization is to be prepared: to serve as the voice for the river, and to mobilize river lovers to defend against threats to the Yuba when necessary.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** In the past year, SYRCL let the successful grassroots campaign to save the South Yuba River State Park from closure - collecting over 10,000 letters and petition signatures that persuaded the Governor to keep the park open.

In 2006, SYRCL initiated a successful lawsuit under the Endangered Species Act that resulted in a new "Biological Opinion" from the National Marine Fisheries Service issued in February 2012 that orders the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to provide fish passage over the Daguerre Point and Englebright Dams by 2020.

SYRCL continues to engage hundreds of people in volunteer activities including the annual River Clean-up Day (700+ volunteers), the annual Film Festival (650+ volunteers), River Monitoring (80-100 volunteers) and dozens more in special restoration projects.

## SUSTAINABLE TAHOE

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Tahoe Basin

**Sub-Region:** Central

**County:** Washoe

**Watershed(s):** Tahoe

**Mission Statement:** To increase awareness on ways to enjoy Tahoe that promote acts of conservation towards the watershed while promoting local prosperity.

**Organizational Description:** Non-Profit 501c3

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:**

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Sustaining Tahoe is the vision we share . . .

Tahoe Expo is the 2-day demonstration of how we get there

## TAHOE BAIKAL INSTITUTE (TBI)

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Lake Tahoe, Lake Baikal  
Watershed (Russia and Mongolia)

**Sub-Region:** Central

**County:** El Dorado

**Watershed(s):** Truckee

**Mission Statement:** Established in 1990, the Tahoe-Baikal Institute (TBI) fosters a future where sustainable communities thrive in concert with their environment by connecting passionate young leaders with inspiring, place-based watershed education in two of the world's premier freshwater ecosystems: Lake Tahoe in the Sierra Nevada and Lake Baikal in southern Siberia and Mongolia. In this endeavor the Institute develops community leaders, resource professionals, and environmental stewards across the intersections of watershed education, protection & restoration, research, policy, sustainable economic development, environmental technology transfer, and cultural understanding.

**Organizational Description:** TBI was established in 1990 to help preserve Lake Tahoe in California and Lake Baikal in Siberia, as well as other significant and threatened lake ecosystems around the world. This preservation is realized through environmental education programs, research, and international exchanges of students, scholars, and practitioners in science, policy, economics, and other related disciplines.

TBI is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in the United States based in the City of South Lake Tahoe (California, USA). TBI has staff operating in South Lake Tahoe, Irkutsk (Irkutsk Oblast, Russia), Ulan Ude (Republic of Buryatia) and Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia. Operations are managed by the US-based Executive Director and programs are coordinated by the US-based Programs Director in conjunction with internationally-based Program Coordinators in Siberia and Mongolia.

A Board of Directors in the United States provides policy and financial oversight for operations. TBI programs have historically operated with a mixture of in-kind support, donations, foundation grants, and different revenue building activities such as the TBI annual gala, fees for exchange services, etc.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** TBI recently completed a two-week Forest Service Exchange in Mongolia which resulted in 97 educators being trained in Project WET and Project Learning Tree environmental education curricula, as well as 20 of those people being trained as WET/PLT facilitators. A local non-profit partner, the Center for Citizenship Education, has officially become the international host site in Mongolia for these curricula and will help to spread this important knowledge around the environmentally threatened country. TBI also just finished its 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Summer Environmental Exchange (SEE) program, bringing together Americans, Russians, Mongolians and other internationals to study watershed management and learn from one another scientifically and culturally in all three countries. In the last year TBI has also had a budding presence in the local community working extensively with the South Tahoe Environmental Education Coalition to educate local school children and also working with other partners to organize events such as South Shore Earth Day and the Watershed Education Summit. The organization is about to embark on its second annual Alumni Internship Exchange program where SEE alumni are placed with local organizations in both watersheds for intensive, targeted internships. Our newest project is called the "International Grassroots Collaboration for Sustainable Community Development" and will focus on local business, green communities and sustainable development in Tahoe and Baikal and how the two regions can work together to accomplish these goals.

## TAHOE INSTITUTE FOR NATURAL SCIENCE

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**Sub-Region:** North Central

**County:** Nevada

**Watershed(s):** Truckee, Yuba

**Mission Statement:** To advance the natural history, conservation, and ecosystem knowledge of the Tahoe region through science, education, and outreach

**Organizational Description:** TINS long-term goal is bringing a world-class interpretive nature center and educational facility to the Tahoe area. In the meantime, TINS engages in multiple science, education, and outreach programs to promote greater appreciation, understanding, and stewardship of the natural resources of the Tahoe region. Through applied field research, TINS works collaboratively to help public and private land managers answer the questions that inform management decisions. Through outreach and citizen science, the organization engages the public directly and allows them access to a deeper natural history experience and a greater comprehension of the region's natural resources. TINS' education programs fulfill many needs faced by educators, parents, and a community investing in its future: providing curricula, educational material, and instruction that conforms to California and Nevada education standards, awakening students' curiosity of the natural world and inviting them to become engaged in their immediate natural surroundings, and promoting responsible environmental citizenship by helping students develop the tools they will need to make informed decisions relevant to the Tahoe region's resource issues.

## TROUT UNLIMITED

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**Sub-Region:** Tahoe Basin

**County:** Nevada

**Watershed(s):** Truckee, Carson, Walker, American, Feather, Yuba, Pit, Susan, Cosumnes, Calaveras, Klamath

**Mission Statement:** To conserve, protect and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

**Organizational Description:** TU is a national organization with more than 140,000 volunteers organized into about 400 chapters from Maine to Montana to Alaska. This dedicated grassroots army is matched by a respected staff of lawyers, policy experts and scientists, who work out of more than 30 offices nationwide. These conservation professionals ensure that TU is at the forefront of fisheries restoration work at the local, state and national levels.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** TU is currently engaged in the Forest Plan Revision process across the Region 5 National Forests, spearheading a large instream fish habitat enhancement project on the Little Truckee River, working to improve streamflows through the FERC process in the Yuba, Merced, and American, using new scientific tools to evaluate meadow restoration projects across the Sierra, working to increase minimum flows in the Truckee watershed through the TROA process, working with agencies to bring back the Paiute cutthroat trout to Silver King Creek, leading two youth fishing/conservation camps, engaging in Pine Creek restoration and the Eagle Lake rainbow trout, seeking 32 miles of Wild and Scenic River status for the Upper Truckee River, and acting as an integral component to carrying out goals of the Golden Trout Project.

## TRUCKEE DONOR LAND TRUST

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**Sub-region:** North/Central/East

**County:** Nevada

**Watershed(s):** Truckee, Yuba

**Mission Statement:** The Truckee Donner Land Trust preserves and protects scenic, historic and recreational lands with high resource values in the greater Truckee Donner region.

**Organizational Description:** The Land Trust works with landowners, federal, state and local governments, and the public-at-large, to create win-win situations for the private and public sector. We negotiate land acquisitions and easements on important lands such as acreage in Cold Stream Canyon, Henness Pass, Independence Lake, Donner Summit Canyon, the Truckee River Corridor; Martis Valley, and Perazzo Meadows. We promote public access where appropriate. Projects include increasing California State Park lands, building and maintaining trails, including organizing and building the Donner Lake Rim Trail, and protecting and increasing public access throughout our region. We work to identify threatened, endangered, and important plants, ecosystems, riparian zones, and old growth and mid-growth trees. We also work to identify important wildlife habitat and corridors for prioritization of land protection.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Our current areas of focus are the acquisition of the 3,000-acre Royal Gorge property at Donner Summit, and the closing of 4,500 acres at Webber Lake/Lacey Meadows. Both of these properties are of immense scenic, historic, recreational, and biological value.

Our recent accomplishments include, the acquisition of 260 acres in Donner Summit Canyon, where hundreds of visitors have already hiked miles of historic and scenic trails; the acquisition of 122 acres in Martis Valley that, while small, is important for future regional trails and contains significant resource values; the protection of 2,400 acres surrounding pristine Independence Lake; and agreements with a private landowner to purchase acreage along the Sierra Crest north of Truckee, creating a permanent, unbroken habitat, viewshed, and recreational corridor along the length of Jackson Meadows Road, closely paralleling the historic Henness Pass Road. Many of our accomplishments are done in partnership with The Trust for Public Land, the Nature Conservancy and the Northern Sierra Partnership.



## TRUCKEE RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Truckee, North Lake Tahoe

**Sub-Region** North

**County:** Nevada

**Watershed(s):** Truckee, Yuba

**Mission Statement:** The Truckee River Watershed Council brings the *community together for the Truckee*. We work collaboratively with public land agencies, land trusts, and private landowners.

**Organizational Description:** We implement all aspects of habitat restoration in riparian, wetland and meadow areas. Assessment, pre- during- post- project monitoring, NEPA/CEQA, permitting, restoration design, implementation, public meetings and tours, adaptive management of the restoration sites. We run several related ongoing programs including: Weed Warriors, River-Friendly Landscaping and Adopt-a-Stream. We organize our annual day of river, meadow and wetland restoration (Truckee River Day) each October.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Our current areas of focus are restoration of key meadows and streams, building of prevention programs and education/awareness. Some of our accomplishments in 2012 include:

- With our partner the California State Parks, we broke ground on floodplain restoration in Coldstream Canyon.
- With our project partners, we've begun 2 important projects to restore the Lahontan cutthroat trout population at Independence Lake: restoration of an area of the spawning stream and construction of a barrier to prevent colonization of the lake by non-native fish.
- We are working with the local municipalities to implement mandatory watercraft inspections for aquatic invasive species at Donner Lake, Stampede, Boca, Prosser, and Martis
- Weed Warriors spent approximately 400 hours identifying and eradicating land-based invasive weeds in our watershed.
- We have delivered completed site evaluations and plans to over 160 area residents containing specific recommendations to implement soil erosion control measures through River-Friendly Landscaping.

## **TULARE COUNTY CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBLE GROWTH**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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**Sphere of Influence:** Tulare County  
**Sub-Region:** South  
**County:** Tulare  
**Watershed(s):** Tulare Basin

**Mission Statement:** Working to ensure that future growth protects the economy, communities, and natural resources of Tulare County.

**Organizational Description:** TCCRG is a concerned group of local citizens organized as a 501c3 under the fiscal sponsorship of the Sierra Nevada Alliance.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Until Tuesday, August 28, our focus was convincing our Board of Supervisors that after 8 years and a cost of \$3.5 million, they should give county residents a General Plan with a Healthy Growth emphasis. Now we turn to the protection of a Tulare County natural resource treasure, Yokohl Valley, scheduled to be the site of a new town of 10,000 housing units. Victories? Well, the Tuesday evening session of the GPU public hearings was the first such evening session in seven years, and we'll take credit for that.

## UPPER MERCED RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Foothills  
**Sub-Region:** South Central  
**County:** Mariposa  
**Watershed(s):** Upper Merced

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the Upper Merced River Watershed Council is to protect and enhance the natural, economic, and cultural resources of the Upper Merced River Watershed. We will work cooperatively with all individuals and organizations to keep the Watershed healthy through education, community-based projects, responsible planning, and stewardship.

**Organizational Description:** The nonprofit Upper Merced Watershed Council is a stakeholder driven organization and strives to include everyone who cares about the Merced River Watershed. Landowners, agency staff, outdoor enthusiasts, business owners, and other interested citizens meet together to identify common concerns and carry out collaborative projects.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Provide a wide variety of projects to appeal to stakeholders so they can become active stewards involved in the watershed as volunteers. Renovated the Bureau of Land Management's Briceburg Visitor Center, creating the Merced River Center. Hosted environmental leaders from Russia, sharing information about the effects of mining on water quality. Continue our active quarterly water monitoring program and participated in a Safe to Swim study. Received two grants to fund integrated weed management in targeted areas within the Merced River corridor. Provide educational programs and workshops such as: Salamander Secrets, Fractured Rock Hydrology, Native Plant Workshop, and a Rainwater Harvesting program.

## WASHOE MEADOWS COMMUNITY

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**Sphere of Influence:** California and Tahoe Basin

**County:** El Dorado

**Watershed(s):** Truckee and Tahoe Basin

**Mission Statement:** Washoe Meadows Community is working to protect Washoe Meadows State Park located near South Lake Tahoe along the banks of the Upper Truckee River. Our goal is to influence public agencies to “Restore the Upper Truckee River and save Washoe Meadows State Park from golf course development.”

**Organizational Description:** Washoe Meadows Community is an organization of park users and visitors and others in the conservation community who want the park to be protected since it was purchased in 1984 by the state of California to “acquire as state lands an environmentally sensitive parcel ...of lands comprising wetlands, meadows, and wildlife habitat for the purpose of protecting an unique and irreplaceable watershed.” We are a non-profit community group and we rely on Resource Renewal Institute as our fiscal agent.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Washoe Meadows Community’s current focus is on influencing the project proposed by State Parks so that the natural, cultural and recreational resources of Washoe Meadows State Park are protected. Recent accomplishments include:

- Shared the vision of Washoe Meadows Community through published messages in media and other publications
- Established a scientific basis for action by engaging technical experts including economists and scientists from UC Davis, UC Berkeley and University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) and gained key political support to define a new alternative
- Fueled doubt that agency approvals of the current project will be automatic

## **WILDPLACES**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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**Sphere of Influence:** Tulare, Kern Counties and southern Sierra Nevada

**County:** Tulare, Kern

**Watershed(s):** Tulare Basin, Kern River and Tule River Watershed

**Mission Statement:** Preserve, support, and protect California's wild and rural places and the people of these landscapes through volunteer-driven habitat restoration, natural and cultural education, and career development.

**Organizational Description:** WildPlaces engages in restoration and education work to help rehabilitate and enhance the cycles of nature while connecting those cycles back to people. It combines high quality, volunteer-driven habitat restoration projects with an ecosystem-based education program. These both repair adversely impacted ecosystems and raise awareness about the effects such environmental damage reaps on the human community. Each step of the way WildPlaces enables its volunteers and members to connect with nature and empowers them with the knowledge and ability to help heal the land.

## **WOLF CREEK COMMUNITY ALLIANCE**

<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watershed &amp; Water</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>
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**Sphere of Influence:** Bear River Watershed  
**Sub-Region:**  
**County:** Nevada  
**Watershed(s):** Bear River

**Mission Statement:** Wolf Creek goals:

- To preserve and protect the creek and its watershed for the benefit of present and future generations
- To engender community stewardship of the creek and its watershed
- To restore the creek to a condition of optimal health and integrity
- To monitor the physical, chemical, and biological condition of the creek
- To prosper and thrive as an organization and thereby have a long-lasting presence and effect in the watershed

**Organizational Description:** Wolf Creek Community Alliance is a local volunteer organization whose primary mission is to preserve and restore Wolf Creek, its tributaries, and watershed. Wolf Creek, at the heart of Grass Valley, is a priceless but neglected resource that we are in danger of losing. We are seeking to join with individuals, neighborhood groups, schools, civic organizations, businesses, park districts, conservation groups, and local governments to accomplish the following goals: · Educate the general public about the aesthetic, recreational, economic, and ecological value a natural stream offers; · Perform hands-on clean-up and restoration work; · Seek funds to implement restoration projects that will make our creek an urban oasis; · Improve the quality of life for residents through community involvement and pride in our Wolf Creek Watershed.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** This year we completed nine years of water quality monitoring and we are still going strong!

## YOSEMITE AREA AUDUBON SOCIETY

Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Foothills

**County:** Mariposa and Madera

**Watershed(s):** Merced and Chowchilla

**Mission Statement:** YAAS is affiliated with the National Audubon Society. Both are dedicated to the preservation of natural habitats and native species, and to educating and inspiring others to help protect those resource values.

**Organizational Description:** YAAS is a chapter of the National Audubon Society under the state office, of Audubon California. YAAS is a California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** YAAS participates in multiple Citizen Science Projects, as well as give both financial and volunteer support of the Sierra Nevada Foothills Native Plant Demonstration Garden.