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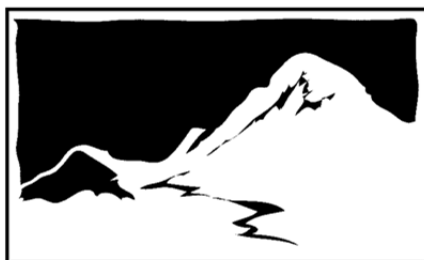
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# ABOUT THE SIERRA NEVADA ALLIANCE

In 2013, the Sierra Nevada Alliance is celebrating 20 years of protecting and restoring Sierra land, water, wildlife, and rural communities. The Sierra Nevada Alliance is an independent, grassroots, non-profit organization and our 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 leading 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 90 member groups belong to the Sierra Nevada Alliance.

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# ABOUT THIS DIRECTORY

The following is a Directory of organizations, groups, and agencies working on conservation and sustainability issues in the Sierra Nevada. We hope this directory will be utilized as a tool to assist individuals, funders, organizations, local agencies and governmental organizations in locating and collaborating on conservation and sustainable community initiatives in the Sierra.

For each group listed, the reader will find contact information, an organizational description, as well as the group's current focus and recent accomplishments. The groups in this Directory consist of both Sierra Nevada Alliance member groups and individual groups that show a strong commitment to promoting conservation and sustainability in the Sierra. All of the groups highlighted work admirably to create a more resilient and healthy environment.

We would like to thank all of the groups that contributed entries for this year's Directory. We hope you find this directory a useful resource. We would also like to give a special thanks to Carissa Zielinski for her production of this Directory, as well as contributing editors Nikki Thompson, Taylor Fargo, Danny Lapin, and Carryl Breon.

If you know of organizations that should be added to the Directory, contact us with information about how to contact them for the next edition.

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## Alpine Watershed Group

Active in these issues/areas:

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**Sub-Region:** North Central

**County:** Douglas and Washoe

**Watershed:** Lake Tahoe Basin

**Organizational Description and/or 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. 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.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments and Goals:**

- Markleeville Creek Floodplain Restoration - in partnership with Alpine County and the Markleeville Public Utility District
- Hope Valley Meadow Restoration and Meadow Stewards Monitoring Program - in partnership with American Rivers, Friends of Hope Valley and Carson Ranger District of the Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest
- Indian Valley Meadow Restoration - in partnership with Amador Ranger District of the El Dorado National Forest

## **American River Conservancy**

Active in these issues/areas:

Alliance Member Group	Climate Change	Environmental Education	Food & Garden	IRWMP	Land Use	SNAP Host	Water	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** Central

**County:** El Dorado, Placer, Amador

**Watershed(s):** Upper American and Upper Cosumnes Rivers

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** The American River Conservancy (ARC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to our community by protecting and enhancing natural habitats where wildlife can flourish. Through education and recreation we promote a broad ethic of stewardship now and for future generations.

- The ARC works with local, State, and Federal agencies foundations, non-profit organizations, and willing landowners to protect and enhance native fisheries, habitat, scenic vistas and recreational land within the American and Cosumnes River watersheds
- Based in Coloma, California, in the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park, they have a wonderful natural history exhibit and conduct environmental education programs in area school and on-site

### **Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- ARC has protected 12,489 acres within the American and Cosumnes River watersheds
- Completed 25-mile South Fork American River Trail, linking Folsom Lake State Recreation Area with Highway 49 near Coloma, CA
- Acquired 10 acres of farm land for organic farming from South Fork Farm currently called the Wakamatsu Colony Farm near Coloma, CA. It is the site of the first Japanese Colony in the United States, has rich agricultural history, and continues to be used as a working farm
- Currently completing acquisition of 1,100 acres on the main fork of Cosumnes River to protect a vast stretch of Blue Oak woodland and riparian habitat

## **American Rivers- California Regional Office**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Alliance Member Group	Climate Change	Eco-tourism	Green Building	IRWMP	SNAP Host	Watersheds
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**Sub-Region:** California

**County:** Nevada

**Watershed(s):** Yuba and other Sierra Nevada

Watersheds

**Organizational Description and/or 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 Rivers.

- Raise awareness of how global warming impacts river health, clean water, and water supplies
- Promote 21<sup>st</sup> century green infrastructure solutions that enhance health, safety, and quality of life

### **Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Spearheading some of the most innovative solutions to restore and protect our rivers seen anywhere in the country
- Restoring meadows in the Sierra, which provides water for 65% of Californians
- Reducing flood risk and restoring rivers in the Central Valley by reconnecting floodplains, removing barriers to salmon migration, and improving dam operations on the Yuba and Bear Rivers
- Recent agreement to remove four dams on the Klamath River – the biggest dam removal and river restoration project ever undertaken
- Secured 1.2 billion in federal funding for projects that incorporate green infrastructure and water and energy efficient technologies
- Founding and leading the Hydropower Reform Coalition which has restored flows in thousands of river miles and protected thousands of acres of riverside ecosystems
- Hosting more than 800,000 volunteers through National River Cleanup Program
- 308 miles of rivers restored through dam removal
- \$2,070,000 grants from American Rivers to local communities for river restoration
- 400 miles of blue trails nationwide created, expanded, or sustained
- 10,000 young people connected to their local rivers
- 1,200 acres of riverside land protected
- 3 million pounds of trash removed through National River Cleanup
- Leading the way on removing 147 outdated dams on rivers across the country and securing the planned removal of more than 100 dams on some 55 rivers in the next 5 years

## **Bear Creek Watershed Group**

Active in these issues/areas:

Alliance Member Group	IRWMP	Land Use	Smart Growth	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** North

**County:** Shasta

**Watershed(s):** Bear Creek

**Organizational Description and/or 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.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Water temperatures and water quality measurements on dissolved oxygen, salinity, ph and turbidity are being taken every 15 minutes with data loggers at nine locations on Bear Creek.
- Forty-two ground water wells are being monitored.
- BCWG is working with the local Fire Safe Council to fire harden the Shingletown area.
- BCWG continues to carry out the above and fulfill grant obligations.
- The goal of the BCWG is to inform interested individuals about the human, aquatic, riparian and terrestrial features of the entire ecosystem and to assist in identifying areas which require additional data and information.

## **Bear Yuba Land Trust**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Alliance Member Group	Eco-Tourism	Environmental Education	Forest Management	Land Use	Smart Growth	SNAP Host Site	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**County:** Nevada, Yuba, Sierra, and surrounding areas

**Watershed(s):** Bear River and Yuba River

**Organizational Description and/or 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. Our mission is to enrich the deep community connection with our land — today, tomorrow and forever.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- 100% supported by the community (memberships and donations)
- Conserved three new properties
- Built three new public access trails
- Ran a children's camp for 160 children
- Ran a guided treks program for approximately 800 people
- Maintained the conservation value of about 6,000 acres
- In the process of conserving about 12,000 acres previously owned by PG&E
- Working to secure funding through grants to operate programs

## **BriarPatch Co-op Community Market**

Active in these issues/areas:

Food &  
Garden

Environmental  
Education

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**Sub-region:** Central Sierra  
**County:** Nevada

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** BriarPatch is the leading natural food store in Nevada County. We are a vibrant, important community hub for gathering and for dialogue and learning about healthy food. We seek to be a leader in social and environmental interests, as well as in fiscal business responsibility, among both local businesses and food co-ops nationally. We model community mindedness and cooperative principles in the hope of inspiring others to do the same, and in doing so, we hope to contribute to peace and prosperity.

### **Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Coordinated local farm production for maximizing sales and growing the local food economy
- Educated on food and nutrition issues including local food, genetically engineered food, and fair trade foods
- Provided ongoing programs to support a wide variety of community groups in their environmental efforts, including Community Donation Vouchers, sponsorships, and grants through the BriarPatch Cooperative Community Fund
- Supported the efforts of local environmental and other community groups by renting our Community Room and selling event tickets for fundraisers
- Constructed LEED®-certified Green Building and ongoing improvements to improve energy efficiency, such as LED lighting and sensors in freezer section
- Created partnership with the local chapter of the California Native Plant Society and developed the BriarPatch Native Wildflower Garden at our store site
- Provided a sustainable seafood grocer through our partnership with FishWise since 2008
- Utilized recyclable disposable food containers for take-out foods and throughout our store as much as possible
- Donated to several local farm, garden, and other environmental projects
- The current goal, since April, has been to increase shoppers' awareness of using new paper bags. There is an ongoing campaign to incentivize reusing grocery bags by possibly charging for new paper bags.
- An additional goal is to start a sustainability committee to continually review the BriarPatch's practice.



## **Butte Environmental Council**

Active in these issues/areas:

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**Sub-Region:** Northern Sacramento Valley

**County:** Butte

**Watershed(s):** Within 6 northern Sac counties

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** To preserve and conserve the earth's natural resources with particular attention to environmental issues in northern California

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Interest in water issues
- Big focus on advocacy and education
- Work on educational workshops through ROSE grants ("Code Blue Series")
- Participation in discussions with city and county on development
- Engagement in a long term program called Alternatives to Toxics funded by California Wellness Foundation that supports toxics education and advocacy
- Current involvement in trying to quantify dioxin contamination from original superfund site released in 1987 from fire
- Involvement in networking and fracking issues
- A current goal is to focus on water, land use, and climate change advocacy at the local level
- Another active goal is re-launching the recycling and rubbish education program in the community

## California Oaks

Active in these issues/areas:

Alliance Member Group	Climate Change	Environmental Education	Forest Management	Landscaping	Land Use	Smart Growth	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** State-wide

**County:** Alameda

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** California Oaks aims to protect and perpetuate native oak woodlands in order to guarantee sustainable wildlife habitat and watersheds as well as ensuring climate stability throughout California. 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.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- CO's goal since 2000 has been to establish a legal, planning and scientific platform for oaks woodlands conservation
  - The purpose of this effort has been to guide informed oak resource decision making by California citizens and public officials
- As a fund within California Wildlife, California Oaks aims to expand acquisition and restoration of critical habitat lands including oak woodlands, riparian quarters, and wetlands

## **California Straw Building Association**

Active in these issues/areas:

Energy	Environmental Education	Green Building	Land Use
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**Sub-Region:** South

**County:** Statewide

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** CASBA's mission is to further the practice of straw building by exchanging current information and practical experience, promoting and conducting research and testing, and making that body of knowledge available to working professionals and the public at large.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Focused on green building, sustainability, and carbon sequestration
- Validated straw as a viable building material with fire and earthquake simulation testing
- Published and distributed to the building department of each and every county in California a book called: *The Building Officials Guide to Straw Bale Construction*
- Developed and hosted two three-day courses for professionals to further educate contractors, architects, and designers in building with straw
- The primary goal is to increase membership

## **California Trout: Northern Sierra Program**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

<b>Alliance Member Group</b>	<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watersheds</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>
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**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** To protect and restore wild trout, salmon, steelhead and their waters throughout California.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Completed a detailed habitat assessment of 13 miles of the Upper Truckee River to fill a needed pre-restoration monitoring gap on five 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
  - This will benefit fisheries via the development of the Meadow Restoration Fisheries Analysis Tool (MRFAT) and complementing needed monitoring efforts
- Working on a wild and scenic campaign for the Upper Truckee River

## **California Urban Streams Alliance**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Alliance Member Group	Environmental Education	Forest Management	Watersheds
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**Sub-Region:** Sacramento Valley

**County:** Butte

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

**Organizational Description and/or 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. The Stream Team provides on-going watershed and urban water pollution prevention education and associated citizen science actions including 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 schools, and other state-wide resource management efforts including the State Water Board's Clean Water Team and Safe-to-Swim programs.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- The Stream Team volunteers have contributed nearly 150,000 hours of community service since our efforts began in 2004, providing a technically robust dataset for local, regional, and state-wide efforts focused on sustaining clean water resources
- In addition, The Stream Team seeks to expand monitoring and educational objectives to the upper, forested reaches of these important watersheds

## **California Watershed Network**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Climate Change	Environmental Education	Forest Management	IRWMP	Land Use	Smart Growth	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** To help people protect and restore the natural environments of California watersheds while ensuring healthy and sustainable communities

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Supporting legislation relating to funding and community based groups doing restoration watershed work
- Challenging regulations for community based restoration and watershed groups
- Spearheading an effort with partner organizations including SNX to publish a brochure for distribution to state legislatures on Watershed Day to increase awareness of the work being done in the state to restore natural resource areas and show how important those jobs are in our communities
- Continuing to aggressively pursue funding issues as well as legal constraints on volunteers who do work outdoors in California
- Plotting campaign for 2015 when the exemption for outdoor volunteerism expires

## **Camp Augusta**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Eco-tourism

Environmental  
Education

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**Sub-Region:** Central

**County:** Nevada

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** Our vision is to reclaim and foster the beauty and innocence of childhood by providing children with a safe and personal experience of growth and appreciation of the outdoors. We are unique in that we are intentional community.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Creating a balance with camp space and “wish, wonder and surprise” with the kids
- Encouraging everyone to be equal in power, operating under consensus-based leadership
- Turned around a low attendance and dwindling funds to gain self-sufficiency in financial costs and a record numbers of campers in less than a decade
- Created a functional consensus website this year
- Created a legacy where every group that comes to Camp Augusta creates a CAPP project to give back to the community

## Carson Water Subconservancy District

Active in these issues/areas:

Climate Change	Eco-tourism	Environmental Education	Food & Garden	Forest Management	IRWMP	Landscaping	Land Use	Smart Growth	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** Eastern

**County:** Alpine, Douglas, Carson City, Lyon, Churchill, and Storey

**Watershed(s):** Carson River

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** The Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) is a unique multi-county, bi-state agency dedicated to establishing a balance between the needs of the communities within the Carson River Watershed and the function of the river system. The fourteen member Board of Directors consists of representatives from each of the six counties within the watershed plus two representatives from the agricultural community. Granted no regulatory authority of its own, the CWSD's mission is to work within the existing governmental framework to promote cooperative action for the watershed that crosses both agency and political boundaries. The CWSD strives to involve all counties and communities within the watershed in the efforts to preserve the rich history and unique resources of the Carson River watershed.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Regional approach to watershed management



## **Center for Sierra Nevada Conservation**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Alliance Member Group	Climate Change	Forest Management	Land Use	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Organizational Description and/or 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. 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, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- CSNC was the lead organization on litigation challenging the El Dorado 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.
  - This year, the Forest Service performed a supplemental EIS; this decision will leave 18 roads closed until the impacts on the meadows are mitigated.
- The CSNC appealed a Callegat Timber Sale in an effort to close several roads in the region.
- CSNC was instrumental in getting the Central Valley Regional Water Board to issue a Cleanup and Abatement Order for the Rubicon Trail to the El Dorado NF and El Dorado County and in obtaining protective winter season closures of the Rubicon Trail as conditions of an easement

## Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center

Active in these issues/areas:

Climate Change	Environmental Education	Forest Management	IRWMP	Smart Growth	Transportation	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** South Central

**County:** Tuolumne and Calaveras counties

**Watershed(s):** Mokelumne, Stanislaus,  
Tuolumne, and Merced

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** CSERC works to protect water, wildlife, and wild places across 2,000,000 acres of the Northern Yosemite region.

### **Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Tests water quality in forest streams for pathogenic bacteria from livestock and other sources of pollution
- Key organization responds to projects, policies, and plans in the Stanislaus National Forest and Yosemite National Park
- Reviews documents, submits detailed comments, testifies at hearings, and does follow-up field monitoring for proposed development projects in Calaveras and Tuolumne counties, for clear-cut logging plans on private timberlands, for all water-related projects across our vast local region, and for all projects posing a risk to air quality
- Reaches over 8,000 young people each year with free environmental slide show presentations on water, wildlife, and forests
- CSERC organizes and leads 15 or more hands-on restoration workdays each year on public lands of the Northern Yosemite region - restoring degraded meadows and riparian areas, replanting denuded hillsides, and closing illegal off-road-vehicle routes
- Maintaining the local region's key voice with the media, providing quotes over 100 times each year for newspapers, radio reporters, and other media
- After 23 years of intensive engagement in the broadest possible range of conservation issues in the region, CSERC has a broad web of relationships and expert knowledge of everything from FERC re-licensing, IRWM planning, and special status wildlife species to community plans, General Plan updates, CEQA, NEPA, and the challenges of litigation.
- Despite difficult politics and often irrational outcries against sustainable planning and policies, CSERC works persistently to build relationships that can ease polarization and lead to long-term solutions.

## **Calaveras Healthy Impacts Products Solutions**

Active in these issues/areas:

Climate Change	Environmental Education	Forest Management	IRWMP	Smart Growth	Transportation	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** Central Sierra Foothills

**County:** Calaveras

**Watershed(s):** Mokelumne

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** Addressing the communities' extreme fire threat while creating healthy forest lands. Committed to building a sustainable model of economic and social development that simulates economic recovery and an enhanced capacity to address social needs.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Promoting fire safe work for all
- Awarded a grant for a biomass plant
  - Currently acquiring property to put in a biomass plant in Wilseyville, CA.
  - Purchasing and developing a site for a small co-generation facility utilizing green waste biomass and a product yard to produce value added wood products
- Current goal is to win bids under the Collaborate Forest and Lands Restoration Act

## **Clover Valley Foundation**

Active in these issues/areas:

Environmental Education	IRWMP	Land Use	Smart Growth	Transportation	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** City of Rocklin

**County:** Placer

**Watershed(s):** American Basin/Dry Creek (Clover Valley Creek)

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** Clover Valley Foundation is a grassroots organization established for the purpose of saving Clover Valley from a devastating proposed development. Its goal is to protect pristine Clover Valley from unnecessary development and preserve in perpetuity its 620 acres of diverse ecological and cultural resources.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Focusing on forming a coalition of buyers to purchase Clover Valley and prevent Valley development

## **California Native Plant Society - Alta Peak Chapter**

Active in these issues/areas:

Alliance Member Group	Climate Change	Environmental Education	Forest Management	Land Use	Smart Growth	Transportation	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** Southern

**County:** Tulare

**Watershed(s):** Kaweah, Tule River, and three branches of Tule River

**Organizational Description and/or 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. CNPS carries out its mission through science, conservation advocacy, education, and horticulture at the local, state, and federal levels. Native plant landscapes, species, and vegetation issues are the primary concern.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- 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
- Offers a range of educational activities including speaker programs, field trips, native plant sales, horticultural workshops, and demonstration gardens
- Currently in the process of commenting and working with the Sequoia National Forest on forest and monument issues
- Also involved in the Tulare County Citizens for Responsible Growth

## **California Native Plant Society - Redbud Chapter**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Alliance Member Group	Food & Garden	Landscaping
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**County:** Western Nevada and Placer

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** The Redbud chapter of the California Native Plant Society serves western Nevada and Placer Counties.

### **Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Native plant sales are offered biannually; fall sales are held at the Sierra College campus in Grass Valley and spring sales are held at the Rocklin campus.
  - Sales feature California native trees, shrubs, perennials, bulbs, and seeds from many specialty and wholesale growers
  - Books, posters, note cards, and prints of native plants and workshops on various native plant gardening topics are also featured
- Evening programs on various topics concerning native plants are held several times a year alternating between Auburn and Nevada City
- Field trips to view local wildflowers in blossom are usually planned for spring and early summer

## **California Native Plant Society - El Dorado Chapter**

Active in these issues/areas:

Environmental Education	Food & Garden	Forest Management	Landscaping	Land Use	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** Central

**County:** El Dorado

**Watershed(s):** American and Cosumnes

**Organizational Description and/or 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. CNPS carries out its mission through science, conservation advocacy, education, and horticulture at the local, state, and federal levels. Native plant landscapes, species, and vegetation issues are the primary concern.

## **Community Action Project**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Alliance Member Group	Climate Change	Environmental Education	IRWMP	Land Use	Smart Growth	Watersheds
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**Sub-Region:** South Central

**County:** Calaveras

**Watershed:** Calaveras, Stanislaus, Mokelumne

**Organizational Description and/or 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. 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, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- CAP worked on the Calaveras County General Plan, the MAC IRWMP, and the revised EBMUD 2040 WSMP
- CAP celebrated Calaveras County issuance of a draft General Plan Land Use Map that supported community-centered development and working landscapes
- CAP also celebrated a court decision ratifying Calaveras County's denial of an illegal golf-course-centered subdivision



## **Community for Respectful Firearms Use (CRFU)**

Active in these issues/areas:

Alliance Member Group	Land Use
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**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** The CRFU works towards responsible gun use on national forest lands.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Focusing on the Stanislaus National Forest
- Working on the draft EIS for Candy Rock Quarry

## **Defenders of Wildlife**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Alliance Member Group	Climate Change	Environmental Education	IRWMP	Land Use	Smart Growth	Watersheds
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**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** A stunning mosaic of ecosystems, California is home to millions of wild birds, mammals, amphibians, reptiles, fish, and insects that need our help. Defenders is working to ensure a lasting future for all the wildlife of the Golden State.

### **Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Defenders is working to promote the use of NCCPs statewide and continues to participate in and monitor ongoing state conservation planning efforts.
- Defenders works with economists, universities, agencies and conservation groups to advance the creation of incentive-based programs to compensate private landowners for ecosystem services (e.g., providing wildlife habitat, protecting water resources), to assess the fiscal impacts of conservation and to apply socio-economic science and principles to the protection of species and ecosystems.
- In particular, Defenders is promoting conservation and recovery of the threatened desert tortoise, including serving on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Tortoise Recovery Implementation Team.
- Defenders continues to advocate for the full protection and recovery of the endangered California condor.
- Defenders is working to protect California fishers through participation in the Dinkey Landscape Restoration Project, Sierra Nevada Adaptive Management Project, and the Southern Sierra Nevada Fisher Working Group.
- In 2011, Defenders successfully conducted an aggressive anti-shark finning campaign that increased awareness of the issue and resulted in almost 18,000 messages being sent to state legislators and Governor Jerry Brown.
- Since 2006 and continuing into 2012, Defenders continued its push to list the Mohave ground squirrel under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).
- From 2009 to present, Defenders has provided science-based conservation recommendations on dozens of proposed solar and wind energy projects throughout California and southern Nevada.
- In 2010, Defenders of Wildlife partnered with the Yolo County Resource Conservation District and California Audubon on a proposal to the Natural Resources Conservation Service Agricultural Water Enhancement Program.

## **Eastern Sierra Audubon Society**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Eco-tourism	Environmental Education	IRWMP	Landscaping	Waste Management	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**County:** Inyo, Mono

**Watershed:** Owens River, Walker River, Amargosa River

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** Eastern Sierra Audubon Society is a local chapter of Audubon based in Eastern California. We have over 250 members. Our mission is working to conserve the wildlife and wild lands of our area, especially birds, through advocacy, stewardship, and education. The Eastern Sierra Audubon Society is a recognized chapter of the National Audubon Society. It is an entirely volunteer-run organization. There is a Board of Directors and committee chairs.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- ESAS presents monthly public education programs and field trips.
- In concert with other stakeholders, ESAS initiated a process to establish a conservation plan for the habitat and avian resources of Owens Lake.
- ESAS co-sponsored a program called Wild at Home with the Eastern Sierra Land Trust which focused on wildlife friendly landscaping and gardening.
- ESAS is involved in the preservation and enhancement of identified Important Bird Areas in the Eastern Sierra.
- ESAS also conducts classroom programs entitled- Birds in the Classroom- for third grade classes in Inyo and Mono counties and conducts nature and bird walks for elementary students.

## **Eastern Sierra Land Trust**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Alliance Member Group	Environmental Education	Food & Garden	IRWMP	Land Use	SNAP Host	Watersheds	Wildlife
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### **Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- 3 specific programs: Working Farms and Ranches, Critical Habitats, and Community Connections
- Completed a 718-acre conservation easement with Centennial Livestock on a historic cattle ranch in Bridgeport Valley which extends conserved private agricultural lands all the way to the northern end of the valley and is an important part of the larger Centennial Ranch holdings
- In March, ESLT received funding from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for a current land conservation project known as Sinnamon Meadows located in northern Mono County which contains significant key wildlife habitat, watershed and scenic values
- Through the SNAP program, our AmeriCorps Member Elise Robinette, led monitoring and restoration crews on several ESLT conservation easement properties, held "Birds in the Classroom" sessions, taught third-graders the importance of pollinators in local gardens and organized a successful GardenFest that included a seed swap, gardening tips from Master Gardeners and the participation of local businesses
- Released a new film titled "Valleys and Vistas: Preserving the Wild Side of California"
- In 2011, ESLT earned the Accreditation Seal from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. The accreditation seal indicates to the public that ESLT meets national standards for excellence, upholds the public trust, and ensures that conservation efforts are permanent

## **Ebbetts Pass Forest Watch**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Alliance Member Group	Environmental Education	Food & Garden	IRWMP	Land Use	SNAP Host	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**County:** Calaveras

**Watershed:** Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Calaveras

**Organizational Description and/or 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. EPFW works in concert with other organizations for responsible and ecologically sound forestry practices on private and public lands. The prime focus of EPFW's private land efforts is to halt massive, rangewide clearcutting. To support positive activities on all lands, EPFW participates in regional collaborative groups developing projects with economic, social, and environmental benefits.

### **Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- EPFW continues its outreach, education, and advocacy activities to bring an end to the ongoing clearcutting of private forestlands in the Sierra
  - Working with other organizations to bring agency and administrative changes
  - Spearheading aerial flights over Sierra forests for interested parties
  - Educating members of the public as well as those associated with the media, legislature, and state agencies
  - Providing fact-based comments through public processes to alter scientifically-unjustified agency approvals of clearcutting
  - Meeting with state decision makers to educate about and advocate for responsible forest management
  - EPFW continues to be an active participant in regional collaboratives, including Amador Calaveras Consensus Group, which is committed to all-lands activities to protect and restore watershed lands and communities

## **El Dorado County and Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation Districts**

Active in these issues/areas:

Eco-tourism	Environmental Education	Food & Garden	IRWMP	Land Use	SNAP Host	Watersheds
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**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** The El Dorado County Resource Conservation District and the Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation District are local, independent, non-enforcement, non-regulatory, self-governed districts organized under Division 9 of the Public Resources Code. We advise and assist individual landowners and public agencies in planning and implementation of conservation practices for the protection, restoration, or development of land, water, and related natural resources.

### **Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Working with private landowners to install BMPs
- Educating and outreach on environmental education
- Starting up The Community stewardship Program – getting funding internally and funding small projects around the community
- Received funding for reconstruction of "Sinnon Lake Dam"
- Provided Campground improvements and habitat enhancement
- Accomplished the "Gold Bug Restoration," local city and community park
- Without funding, we have been able to do a lot with volunteer efforts, such as trail building and planting new vegetation.
- We provide a great community resource, located in Mosquito, which is a very small community that gets overlooked a lot.
- We can help leverage funding for smaller groups and organizations and help them find a way to get their projects off the ground.

## **Energy Independence for Nevada**

Active in these issues/areas:

Climate Change	Energy	Environmental Education	Forest Management	Green Building	Land Use	Smart Growth	Transportation
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**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** A new organization dedicated to transitioning Nevada to 100% renewable energy by 2030 and creating 100,000 jobs.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Four step approach to reach our goal:
  - 1- Outreach and awareness
  - 2- Efficiency and conservation
  - 3- On-site renewable energy
  - 4- Grid scale renewable energy

## **Envirolutions**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Climate  
Change

Energy

Environmental  
Education

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**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** Envirolutions believes that sustainability is possible through collaboration of individuals, businesses and organizations. Sustainability education is the only way to move forward with these efforts. Envirolutions has multiple programs dedicated to efficiency education among low income families as well as a new program which integrates efficiency education into school curriculum.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Enhance and tune high school/middle school education program about energy efficiency and building science while empowering students to take actions that reduce their school's and home's environmental impact and saves the school money on energy costs
- Engage in professional development and trainings for teachers
- Hold summer sustainability program called The Three Spheres Leadership Academy for middle and high school students focused on sustainability, entrepreneurship, and leadership
- Create energy efficiency service learning opportunities through Project ReCharge which is expanding to elementary schools
- Have successfully created an interdisciplinary curriculum used at Obrian Middle School
- Collaborate with organizations in a coalition for Green Nevada which is trying to grow resources for environmental education in Nevada
  - Successfully completed outreach campaign to nine high schools throughout the state and had a sustainability plan competition
- Held workshops led by parents or teachers in which students created sustainability plans for their school



## **Environmental Defense Fund**

Active in these issues/areas:

Climate Change	Forest Management	Land Use	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** SF Bay, Central Valley, Sierra

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** EDF is making California an environmental leader through market-based policies that generate economic advantages. EDF links science, economics, and law to create innovative, equitable, and cost-effective solutions to society's most urgent environmental problems.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- In California, EDF is quantifying the economic value of threatened ecosystems.
- The state has initiated the nation's first economy-wide cap on greenhouse gases.
- EDF hopes to expand a program that lets homeowners apply for low-cost energy efficiency upgrade loans.

## **Feather River Coordinated Resource Management**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Climate Change	Energy	Environmental Education	Forest Management	IRWMP	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** The Feather River Coordinated Resource Management Group was established in 1985 to protect, maintain and enhance ecosystems and community stability in the Feather River Watershed through collaborative landowner participation. Their main issue is watershed dysfunction.

### **Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Watershed education and public outreach
- Maintenance, protection and enhancement of ecosystem function and community stability
- On-going erosion control projects to reduce streambed erosion and animal grazing near watersheds
- Coordinating efforts between public and private landowners to develop cooperative regional erosion control plans
- Exploration of reinvestment in watershed by downstream water users with user fees or some other funding mechanism
- Cooperation on over 40 watershed projects including studies and assessments, resource management plans, on-the-ground restoration projects, and educational efforts
- Conduction of intensive water quality and channel condition inventories on approximately 40% of the EBNFFR watershed
- Restoration of an urban stream and an abandoned mine, meadow re-watering, check dam building, and installation of fish ladders.
- Treated at least 14.5 miles of stream and 4,000 riparian acres, producing 94 full or part time jobs
- Tested innovative restoration techniques using demonstration projects
- Establishment of the first community college watershed management technician program in California at Feather River College in Quincy
- Encouragement of funding to common ground and meeting the needs of others on that common ground

## **Foothill Conservancy**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Alliance Member Group	Forest Management	IRWMP	Land Use	Smart Growth	Watersheds
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**Sub-Region:** South Central

**County:** Amador and Calaveras

**Watershed:** Upper and Lower Mokelumne

**Organizational Description and/or 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.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Collecting signatures for wild and scenic designation; continue to build support with community and stakeholders, looking to Congress to take action
- Trying to implement the adaptive management to accommodate the last remaining yellow-legged frogs
- Succeeded in suing the East Bay Municipal Utility District for adopting a legally insufficient plan to expand Pardee Reservoir and flood up to two miles of the Mokelumne River
- Protected more than nine miles of the North Fork of the Mokelumne River by stopping the proposed Devil's Nose Dam project
- Introduced smart growth concepts to Amador and Calaveras counties and developed land use and development principles adopted by diverse community organizations
- Secured access to the Middle Bar reach of the Mokelumne River (below Highway 49 to Pardee Reservoir), which had been closed to public access for more than 30 years
- Provided state general plan legal precedent in Families Unafraid to Uphold Rural El Dorado v. County of El Dorado, which stopped a destructive subdivision project in south El Dorado County
- Joined effort with community members and the City of Plymouth
- Helped secure a settlement agreement for the relicensing of PG&E's hydroelectric project on the Mokelumne River, which set national precedent and led to the breaching, dismantling or removal of three dams on North Fork Mokelumne tributary streams (first dam removal in modern PG&E history)
- Received Friends of the River's Peter H. Behr Award and the POWER Award for Mokelumne River conservation efforts
- Sponsored workshops for community groups and public officials to improve their knowledge of planning law and practice

## **Foothill Collaborative for Responsible Growth (FoCuS)**

Active in these issues/areas:

Alliance Member Group	Climate Change	Energy	Environmental Education	Food & Garden	Green Building	Land Use	Transportation	Waste Management
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**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** FoCuS is a non-profit collaborative organization that educates groups and individuals about sustainable living and local community self-reliance. We promote all kinds of collaborative relationships to achieve mutual well-being in Calaveras and Tuolumne counties. FoCuS inspires and empowers individuals to take on the challenge and potential of creating a world in balance between human citizens and the local environment they inhabit.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- FoCuS inspires and empowers individuals to take on the challenge and potential of creating a world in balance between human citizens and the local environment they inhabit
- FoCuS helps cultivate deeper inter-connections between people and their environments in Calaveras and Tuolumne counties based on the principles of sustainability and works towards local community self-reliance wherever there is interest and commitment
- FoCuS encourages teamwork, partnerships, and collaboration between businesses and individuals whose work is based on ecologically, socially and economically sustainable systems.

## **Forest Issues Group**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Alliance Member Group	Climate Change	Forest Management	Land Use	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** North

**County:** Nevada, Sierra, Placer

**Watershed:** American, Little Truckee, Yuba

**Organizational Description and/or 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.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Sierra Nevada National Forest Plan revisions, with a concentration on obtaining permanent semi-primitive/primitive protection for Inventoried Roadless Areas

## **Foresthill Residents for Responsible Growth, Inc. (FROG)**

### **Active in these issues/areas:**

Alliance Member Group	Climate Change	Energy	Food & Garden	Forest Management	Green Building	Smart Growth	Waste Management	Watersheds
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**Sub-Region:** North Central

**County:** Placer

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** FROG (Foresthill Residents for Responsible Growth, Inc.) is a grassroots organization whose purpose is to provide facts and information to community residents on development issues that will affect their daily lives. FROG is 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 the businesses, residents and other organizations on the "Hill."

### **Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- FROG and Friends of the North Fork sued Placer County in early 2009 over CEQA issues from our Community Plan Amendment which led to a settlement in which the county agreed to actively support our community in "Economic Revitalization and Community Amenities."
- FROG 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.
- FROG thinks outside the box for project ideas in the community that would solve the jobs/housing imbalance as well as the significant fire issues.

## **Friends of Hope Valley**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Alliance Member Group	Forest Management	Land Use	Watersheds
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**Sub-Region:** East

**County:** Alpine

**Watershed:** Carson

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** The Friends of Hope Valley is a nonprofit organization whose members share a deep affection for the unspoiled beauty of the Sierra's eastern slope of Alpine country. Formed in 1985 in response to a proposal by the Sacramento Municipal Utility District to run power transmission lines through Hope Valley, the Friends have been successful in their ongoing protection efforts, including preserving over 25,000 acres of open space in Hope Valley and eastern Alpine County. The mission is to secure the preservation of the scenic, recreational and historic use of Hope Valley and Alpine County's eastern Sierra slope.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Diverted the construction of the power line to a corridor already used by utilities
- Has had the leading role in preserving over 25,000 acres of open space in Hope Valley and eastern Alpine County
- Serves as a watchdog for Highway 88's Scenic Highway designation, the highway through Hope Valley that you will ride – have ridden – through, to, and from Carson Pass

## **Friends of Mariposa Creek**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

<b>Alliance Member Group</b>	<b>Watersheds</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>
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**Sub-Region:** Central

**County:** Mariposa

**Watershed:** Mariposa Creeks/ Upper San Joaquin

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** We are a watershed protection alliance dedicated to the protection, restoration, and enhancement of Mariposa Creek.



## **Friends of the Inyo**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

<b>Alliance Member Group</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watersheds</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>
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**Sub-Region:** Eastern

**County:** Mono, Inyo

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** Friends of the Inyo is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the ecological health and sustainable enjoyment of public lands east of the Sierra Nevada crest. Established in 1986, Friends of the Inyo has 27 years experience as a local leader for the stewardship and preservation of public lands in the Eastern Sierra. Our mission statement is as follows: 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 cares for this unique national treasure by connecting people to the wonders of the Eastern Sierra's public lands through preservation, stewardship, and exploration.

### **Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Friends of the Inyo's Preservation programs promote the conservation of special places and ecologically-informed management of our public lands.
- Friends of the Inyo contributes to the development of management plans, engages in project level planning and implementation, and ensures informed public involvement by working with local communities as well as national and regional groups.
- Stewardship provides work on the ground across the Eastern Sierra with a mix of volunteers and paid staff crews.
- Projects range from trail and campground maintenance to habitat restoration and resource monitoring.
- Friends of the Inyo works with local schools and governments, colleges, members, and agency partners.
- Exploration programs engage individuals in the discovery and appreciation of our public lands.

## Friends of the North Fork

Active in these issues/areas:

Alliance Member Group	Climate Change	Eco- tourism	Energy	Forest Management	IRWMP	Land Use	Smart Growth	Transportation	Waste Management	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** Central

**County:** Placer

**Watershed:** North Fork American River

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** Friends of the North Fork was born in 2004 to protect the beauty and waters of the remote and magnificent North Fork American River canyon. We formed because of the Placer County proposal to build a destructive, nearly level, four to nine-foot wide 12.6-mile Auburn Dam reservoir trail from the confluence of the North and Middle forks to Ponderosa Way. As a result, CEQA environmental analysis of the trail is now underway. However, this new Sierra Crossing from Sacramento to Carson City along the wild river corridor is only one of many threats to the canyon.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- We have appealed to the county planning commission of the Dreisbach land division that would visually impair the canyon with houses at its rim. We have raised the same concerns about the proposed Goudie parcel map.
- We are a designated party in the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board water pollution permit renewal hearing for the Colfax sewer plant that, among its many problems, has a 75-foot wastewater dam that leaks sewage.
- We have joined with tribes and groups in other parts of the state to take on the necessary legal analysis and to press the State Water Resources Control Board and other state and federal agencies to re-regulate suction gold dredging.

## Friends of the West Shore

Active in these issues/areas:

Alliance Member Group	Climate Change	Energy	Environmental Education	Forest Management	Land Use	Transportation	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** Central

**County:** Placer, El Dorado

**Watershed:** Lake Tahoe

**Organizational Description and/or 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. FOWS is a grassroots community conservation organization established to help preserve and enhance the character, scale, environment, and historical significance of the West Shore. Our Board and volunteers work collectively with our communities, residents, local homeowner associations, and Lake Tahoe groups to support the protection of the irreplaceable natural values of the West Shore and encourage appropriate redevelopment that is consistent with the rural character and scale of our communities.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- FOWS is heavily involved in advocating for a reduction in the size of the Homewood Mountain Resort's proposed expansion, a project that will completely overwhelm the small community of Homewood and forever transform the West Shore.
- FOWS is actively engaged in the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) and Local Governments' Plan updates for Lake Tahoe and the West Shore and is working hard to prevent the over-development, crowding, traffic increases, pollution, loss of scenic views, and other environmental and community impacts that would result from full implementation of TRPA's 2012 Regional Plan, which calls for major increases in development along the West Shore and adjacent areas.
- Members and representatives are currently working with multiple local government planning teams, the public, and Placer and El Dorado County staff to support more appropriate development and ensure environmental protections through the local governments' draft plans ("Area Plans").
- FOWS also coordinates with partner organizations to help guide future development and redevelopment in areas that will impact the West Shore and Tahoe City, including the entire Lake Tahoe Basin, Squaw Valley, Alpine Meadows, and Northstar.
- FOWS facilitates community outreach programs, education, events, and other activities that serve to bring our community members together.
- FOWS encourages local government area plans to protect our environment and communities through active participation in the Placer and El Dorado Counties' Area Plan developments.
- FOWS represents West Shore interests through our partnership with the Sierra Club in the legal challenge of TRPA's 2012 Regional Plan Update.
- FOWS supports our West Shore volunteers in the Pipe Keepers Program, which aims to gather information about the pollution entering Lake Tahoe from storm drain pipes.
- FOWS brings our community together to enjoy the outdoors through scheduled hikes as part of our new "West Shore Ramblers" program.

## **Green Dragon Organic Farms**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Climate Change	Food & Garden	Land Use
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**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** To empower the greater Frazier Mountain community members to meet immediate and basic needs of healthy organic affordable food for themselves and their families by creating high-yield sustainable neighborhood farms using empty lots, unused farmland, and backyard spaces. Green Dragon programs will provide a long-term sustainable impact, changing underutilized landscapes to healthy, organic, affordable food producing spaces and improving the environment for generations to come.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Educating, inspiring healthy eating, and giving people the opportunity to connect with other members of the community
- Establishing and operating farm plots throughout the community to farm organic produce
- Establishing and operating a farmers' market for the purpose of furnishing a facility for sales of local-grown fresh foods and local-made goods
- Organizing and/or participating in educational and other activities that promote the use of locally grown fresh organic produce and products
- Organizing and/or participating in those activities that, in conjunction with the operation of a farmers' market, will serve to encourage commerce and trade in the Mountain Communities
- Distributing a total of 1650 pounds of local organic certified produce in 2012 to community members
- Expanding the food and garden workshop venue and offering Green Dragon Farms Community Scholarships, limited only to available grant funding, for both local students and community members interested in lifelong learning

## **High Sierra Rural Alliance**

Active in these issues/areas:

Alliance Member Group	Climate Change	Land Use	Smart Growth	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** North

**County:** Sierra

**Watershed:** Feather River, Little Truckee, North Yuba

**Organizational Description and/or 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. The HSRA advocates for the establishment and compliance with environmentally protective policies and laws.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Develop informational materials
- Provide educational opportunities for the public and government officials
- Collaborate with other groups to help advance goals which complement our mission
- Provide professional vigilance and advocacy to protect natural resources and wild lands in Sierra and Plumas Counties from unplanned and unsustainable development
- Focused on the Plumas County General Plan Update and the Sierra County Zoning Code Update

## **June Lake Advocates**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

<b>Alliance Member Group</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watersheds</b>
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**Sub-Region:** Eastern

**County:** Mono

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

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Provided free legal opinions concerning the recent June 2012 June Lake Ski Area closure announcement and concerning the new 90-acre acquisition of rodeo grounds
- 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

## **Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful**

Active in these issues/areas:

Energy	Environmental Education	Land Use	Waste Management	Watersheds
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**County:** Washoe

**Watershed:** Truckee River

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful is a private nonprofit dedicated to creating a cleaner, more beautiful region through education and active community involvement.

## **Kern IRWMP**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

**IRWMP**

**Watersheds**

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**Sub-Region:** South

**County:** Kern

**Watershed:** Kern River

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** The Tulare Lake Basin Portion of Kern County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (Kern IRWMP) is a collaboration of water suppliers, community and government representatives, environmental groups, businesses and a variety of other interested parties. The Kern IRWMP seeks to preserve the economic and environmental health of Kern County communities through comprehensive and efficient management of its water resources.



## **Lassen Foothills Project, The Nature Conservancy**

Active in these issues/areas:

Climate Change	Forest Management	Land Use	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** Eastern

**County:** Tehama, Shasta, Lassen

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters needed for survival. TNC is an international organization that takes a non-confrontational approach to conservation work. In the Lassen Foothills, TNC works collaboratively with landowners and other partners to preserve the important biological and ecological resources of eastern Tehama county and southeastern Shasta county. The Lassen Foothills Project area includes seven important tributary streams to the Sacramento River, extensive blue oak woodlands and four vernal pool complexes. Conservation targets include steelhead trout, several wild Chinook salmon runs, neo-tropical migratory birds, vernal pool plants and animals, the largest migratory deer herd in California and numerous other at-risk species.

### **Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- TNC's primary protection tool in the Lassen Foothills is the acquisition of conservation easements, typically over large cattle ranches.
- TNC owns three properties in fee in the Lassen Foothills: the 4,600-acre Vina Plains Preserve (a vernal pool complex north of Chico), the 1,844-acre Wildcat Ranch (an oak woodland on the North Fork of Battle Creek) and 1,440-acre Childs Meadow (a mountain meadow near Lassen Volcanic National Park).
- TNC also manages the 37,540-acre Dye Creek Preserve (an oak woodland in multiple watersheds east of Los Molinos) on behalf of the State Controller Environmental Trust.

## **Lassen Land and Trails Trust**

Active in these issues/areas:

Environmental Education	Food & Garden	Forest Management	IRWMP	Land Use	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** Northeastern  
**County:** Lassen and Modoc  
**Watersheds:** Pit River, Pine Creek/Eagle Lake,  
Susan River/Honey Lake, Long Valley

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** The mission of Lassen Land and Trails Trust is to conserve significant natural areas and agricultural landscapes and to promote and enhance a public trail system throughout. Lassen Land and Trails Trust works to ensure that each resident gains a sense of the uniqueness of our home, which lies where the Sierra Nevada, Cascades, Modoc Plateau and Great Basin converge to form a unique landscape with valuable wildlife habitat, a rich agricultural and ranching heritage, scenic vistas and outstanding outdoor recreation.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Instilling in residents the importance of their role as stewards of the land to ensure the future vitality of the region and to provide visitors with an experience that conveys the region's uniqueness in a positive and compelling way
- Developing an interpretive trail at Lassen Creek Conservation Area
- Being stewards of 2,500 acres in fee title lands and 1,049 acres under conservation easement
- Developing the 85-mile Modoc Rail Trail from Wendel to Alturas, California
- In partnership with the Bureau of Land Management, offering interpretation and visitor services for the 26-mile Bizz Johnson National Recreational Trail
- Providing education and community programs including a summer nature camp and an in-school curriculum in partnership with the county's Office of Education

## League to Save Lake Tahoe

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Alliance Member Group	Climate Change	Environmental Education	IRWMP	Land Use	SNAP Host	Watershed	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** Central

**County:** El Dorado

**Watershed:** Truckee

**Organizational Description and/or 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, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- 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 as working diligently to stop the decline of near-shore clarity loss.
- With a full-time Community Engagement Manager on staff and a growing volunteer base, the League will refocus on community education and outreach by increasing stewardship and engagement opportunities such as volunteer workdays, invasive weed removal projects, and involvement in environmental education initiatives.

## **Living Lands Agrarian Network**

Active in these issues/areas:

Environmental Education	Food & Garden	Land Use
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**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** Provide effective practical training and mentorship to aspiring small-scale farmers while building a community through youth and adult education and outreach which values the local men and women who raise our food. We envision a community strengthened by 100 small-scale, diversified farms (double current levels) whose value is recognized and supported by a Western Nevada County population that, each year, buys an increasing share of its food locally. We offer training and mentorship in sustainable agriculture through our diverse network of farmers and farms. When trainees are ready to begin their own independent farming business, we offer access to land, infrastructure, continued mentorship, as well as venues for farm sales to help them get a successful start. Our model is dependent on local community members who value the importance of local, sustainable agriculture. Our farms are located on private property owned by local land-owners who value the opportunity to host a sustainable farm.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- The Food Love Project is a new farm site dedicated exclusively to nutrition and farming education for local youth.
  - Started in partnership with the Bear Yuba Land Trust in 2010, this site is a growing hub where kids and adults come to engage in the cycle of how food is produced.
  - Now in its third season, FLP has provided over 4,000 hours of education to local public school children, at risk youth, homeless adults, and many local volunteers.
- During the growing season we host field trips, camps, workshops, service projects and potlucks.

## **Local Government Commission**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Climate Change	Energy	Green Building	Land Use	Smart Growth	Transportation
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**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** The Local Government Commission assists local governments in establishing and nurturing the key elements of livable communities: A healthier human and natural environment, a more sustainable economy, an actively engaged populace, and an equitable society. The Local Government Commission's main issue areas include Climate Change, Community Design, Energy, Healthy Communities and Water. The Local Government Commission is also working on green economy and green infrastructure projects.

### **Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Working on several community design projects with extensive public participation funded by Caltrans Transportation Planning Grants, Strategic Growth Council Sustainability Grants, and other sources
- Developing guidance for local planning departments and community based organizations on how to better incorporate crime prevention through community design principles into planning and development practice
- Providing support to local officials in the counties of Sacramento, Stanislaus, Merced, Fresno, Tulare and Kern who are interested in advancing policies that will result in healthier communities
- Providing technical assistance to local governments and community residents statewide to build relationships and capacity towards healthy and equitable land use planning
- Working with local government leaders and staff to increase awareness of the local impacts of climate change on health, and to increase support for adaptation strategies
- Participating in the Sacramento Regional Adaptation Collaborative as well as the Alliance of Regional Collaboratives for Climate Adaptation, a group of organizations interested in and committed to preparing California's urban centers and rural areas for the emerging impacts of climate change, including rising sea level, extreme storm events, heat waves, and droughts
- Being a member of a consortium of growers, educators, and technical experts in California established by Secretary Karen Ross to study and make recommendations on strategies for climate change adaptation and to help growers prepare for future impacts from climate change through practical, strategic solutions
- Working with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research to develop an AmeriCorps program in California to assist local governments in their efforts to reduce energy use and increase renewable energy, reduce vehicle miles travelled and meet current state sustainable community's goals, and create and implement strategies that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the changing climate

## **Local Government Commission (ctnd)**

### **Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Working within the Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative, an alliance to help cities and counties reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save energy
- Working closely with ICLEI and ILG, as well as the utilities, CPUC, Energy Commission and Air Resources Board to track local government progress toward implementing the Strategic Plan, develop and share case studies of model programs, and spur more local governments to take action to reduce energy use in their communities
- Contracting for the CEC on Energy Upgrade California, a statewide energy efficiency program that delivers tools and resources to improve energy efficiency, increase renewable energy, save consumers money, help the environment, create green jobs and revitalize California's economy
- Developing educational materials, hosting educational dinner forums for local elected officials, and providing staff trainings about the economic impacts of development, the economic case for planning for climate change, and new fiscal assessment tools (e.g., the Sacramento Area Council of Governments fiscal assessment tool called iMPACS)
- Developing a community-wide Low Impact Development Plan for the City of Riverbank
- Working with the California Stormwater Quality Association to address barriers to LID implementation present in the local and state codes, ordinances, and standards that regulate new and redevelopment projects
- Hosting educational forums for mayors, city council members, county supervisors, city managers on various topics related to land use, transportation, water, energy, climate change and other key issues
- Organize national and state conferences and educational forums such as the annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference, the annual Ahwahnee Conference for elected officials, the annual Statewide Energy Efficiency Best Practices Forum, and the Safe Routes to School National Conference

## **Local Water Stays Local**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

**Alliance Member  
Group**

**Watersheds**

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**Sub-Region:** North

**County:** Shasta

**Watershed:** Battle Creek and Bear Creek

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** Through all legal, ethical and constitutional means possible, Local Water Stays Local works to prevent depletion of the Shingletown, Inwood, Viola and Manton natural water supply for commercial use. Local Water Stays Local is a concerned group of Shingletown, Inwood, Viola, and Manton residents united in an effort to keep local water local. Formed in 2008, Local Water Stays Local is solely a group of volunteers.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- LWSL stopped a company from bottling water by pushing the county to demand an environmental report from the company.
- LWSL is keeping their eyes open and watching all the different county reports which would show if any new water-use elements will take place that should cause concern.

## **Mariposa County Resource Conservation District**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

**IRWMP**

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**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** 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.



## **Mariposans for the Environment and Responsible Government**

Active in these issues/areas:

Alliance Member Group	Environmental Education	IRWMP	Land Use	Smart Growth	Watersheds
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**Address:** P.O. Box 2121, Mariposa, CA 95338

**Sub-Region:** Foothills

**County:** Mariposa

**Watershed:** Merced River, Chowchilla, Lower  
Mariposa Stream Group

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

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Implementing the Merced River Plan in conjunction with the National Park Service
- Protecting the lower region of the Merced River 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

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Alliance Member Group	Climate Change	Eco- tourism	Energy	Environmental Education	Food & Garden	Green Building	Landscaping	Land Use	Transportation	Waste Management	Wildlife
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**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** Help communities get sustainability projects on the ground! Million Green Communities works with California and Nevada communities to assist them in saving \$1M or more through strategic green initiatives: programs and projects in their own communities.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- 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
- Changed out lighting in halogen light bulbs to CFLs in Factory Outlet stores in Truckee, California, 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

## **Moonlight Valley Alliance**

Active in these issues/areas:

Alliance Member Group	Climate Change	Forest Management	Land Use	Transportation	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** Indian Valley

**County:** Plumas

**Watershed:** Lights Creek, East Branch of North  
Fork or Feather River

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** Moonlight Valley Alliance works to 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. It is a group of concerned citizens working together to prevent such activities and to reduce any negative impacts from these activities should they be allowed.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Currently involved in the County General Plan Revision with hopes of incorporating language that would eliminate activities such as leach style copper mining and allow Indian Valley to obtain Sensitive Area Status for the North Arm and the watershed above it
  - The recent Moonlight Fire may be instrumental in such designation
- Currently involved in the cooper mining project and will hopefully help incorporate zoning restrictions into the county general plan

## **Mountain Area Preservation Foundation**

Active in these issues/areas:

Alliance Member Group	Forest Management	Green Building	Landscaping	Land Use	Smart Growth	SNAP Host	Transportation	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** Central  
**County:** Placer and Nevada  
**Watershed:** Lake Tahoe, Martis, Truckee

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** To preserve the Truckee region's community character and its natural environment for present and future generations. The goals of Mountain Area Preservation Foundation are to: preserve and protect open space in the Truckee region through collaboration, education, and stewardship for future generations, sustain the authentic community character of the Truckee region by protecting the diversity of the environment, culture, and economy, and advocate for responsible land use decisions and smart growth in the Truckee region.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Preserving open space in Martis Valley, working to protect and conserve over 7,000 acres that would extend from Martis Valley to Mt. Rose(the eastern Martis Valley watershed)
- Working on the final design and permitting process for the Trout Creek Pocket Park
  - The Trout Creek Pocket Park will be the first public park/green space in historic downtown Truckee. The park will incorporate the 'Sustainable Sites' initiative, water wise use and focus on interpretive elements of Trout Creek and historical information. Permitting will take place this fall, construction in the spring and summer of 2014.
- Working to preserve 285 acres along the eastern town limit of Truckee. A 185-unit residential development is proposed in a migratory corridor for deer fawning at Waddle ranch. Working with the Truckee Donner Land Trust and Save Open Space Glenshire to limit the development or purchase the land.

## **Mountain Meadows Conservancy**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Alliance Member Group	Eco-tourism	Environmental Education	IRWMP	Forest Management	Land Use	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** North

**County:** Lassen

**Watershed:** Feather River

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** We are a grassroots group that is focused on improving the quality of life for all species in our region. The mission of the MMC is: to conserve, protect, and enhance the natural beauty of the Mountain Meadows watershed, to protect its significant Mountain Maidu burial and cultural sites, and to provide recreation and public access for generations to come.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Developing positive relationships with local landowners, local RCDs, local government
- Facilitating the Mountain Meadows Watershed Group
- Restoring our local abandoned mill site in conjunction with private landowners
- Increasing resilience of our community by developing eco-tourism opportunities
- Developing a citizen science water quality monitoring program for our watershed
- Providing opportunities for the residents of our region to connect with their place
- Come and visit us in southwestern Lassen County. We are sure that you will be amazed by our landscape.

## **Nevada County Resource Conservation District**

### **Active in these issues/areas:**

Environmental Education	Food & Garden	Forest Management	IRWMP	Land Use	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** CABY  
**County:** Nevada and Western Sierra  
**Watershed:** Bear and Yuba

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** Our mission is to promote responsible resource management within our jurisdiction through education, leadership, technical and financial assistance, and project facilitation. Our vision is to educate and assist landowners and land managers in establishing a balance between a high quality rural environment, a biologically diverse landscape, and a healthy economy for the community. Our aim is to educate landowners that there is a 'balance' to try and achieve in the conservation of their land. The Nevada County Resource Conservation District (NCRCD) was founded on January 4, 1944 with a mission to promote responsible resource management. The NCRCD is a state mandated 'Special District' that is neither a regulatory group nor a city or county entity. The NCRCD is governed by a board of directors appointed by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors and is made up of local landowners who provide input for local resource management. The NCRCD partners with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in assisting landowners and land managers in improving their land. The NCRCD and the NRCS provide free assistance regarding issues that include erosion control, pond management, invasive weed control, fuels management, wildlife habitat improvement, pasture, orchard and vineyard management, and rangeland management.

### **Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Catastrophic wildfires, watersheds, agriculture ranching and farming, organic farms
- Part of Sacramento Regional Watershed Plan (PNSSNS- water group)
- Promote responsible natural resource management which involved anything from small organic gardens to large scale ranching
- Encourage grazing as long as it's managed
- Finished a large scale fuel break around Nevada City with participation from the Forest Service, Cal Fire and local fire districts which started in 2007
- Looking at local school erosion issues to partner with them on restoring eroded areas
- Involved in removing invasive species in public parks as well as planting native species
- Always looking for new projects
- Starting "Hazard Tree Removal and Healthy Forest" project which aims to concentrate on public land used by the community
  - Will offer free site evaluations to make recommendations on proper tree management for those in diseased or in over-crowded areas

## **Nevada Green Party**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Climate Change	Energy	Environmental Education	Food & Garden	Forest Management	Green Building	Land Use	Smart Growth	Transportation	Waste Management	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** State-wide

**Website:** [www.nvgreenparty.org](http://www.nvgreenparty.org)

**Phone:** (775) 391-1329

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** Our key ten values are grassroots democracy, social justice, ecological wisdom, nonviolence, decentralization, community based economics, feminism, diversity, responsibility, and a future focus.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Focusing on registering Green Party voters and regaining access to ballots in Nevada

## **Nevada Tahoe Conservation District**

Active in these issues/areas:

Forest  
Management

Landscaping

Land Use

Watersheds

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**Sub-Region:** North Central

**County:** Douglas and Washoe

**Watershed:** Lake Tahoe Basin

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** To promote the conservation and improvement of the Lake Tahoe Basin's natural resources by providing leadership, education and technical assistance to all basin users

**Current Focus, Accomplishments and Goals:**

- Watershed planning
- Creek restoration, design and coordination
- Water quality monitoring
- Tahoe Yellow Cress
- Homeowner BMPs



## **North Cal-Neva Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.**

Active in these issues/areas:

Alliance Member  
Group

Climate  
Change

Environmental  
Education

Forest  
Management

IRWMP

Watersheds

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**Sub-Region:** North

**County:** Modoc, Lassen, Shasta

**Watershed:** Upper Pit River

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** Foster integrated, long-term cultural, economic, and environmental health of the Upper Pit River watershed through locally driven projects, processes, and community participation.

## North Fork American River Alliance

Active in these issues/areas:

Alliance Member Group	Climate Change	Eco- tourism	Energy	Environmental Education	Forest Management	Green Building	Land Use	Smart Growth	Transportation	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** North

**County:** Placer

**Watershed:** American River

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** To preserve the wild, scenic and cultural heritage within the watershed of the North Fork American River. 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 NF. Our goal is to be a constructive voice in the management of the region.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Participate in public workshops and public agency management plans and form coalitions with like minded groups and individuals
- Sponsoring community programs in an effort to educate the public about the area
- Adopted several trails and frequently organize volunteer work parties
- Protecting public access to public lands, preserving the outstanding view shed of the American River Canyon, and FERC relicensing on the Middle Fork
- Protecting the Wild and Scenic North Fork American River from environmentally damaging suction dredge mining
- Pushing the State to reconsider suction dredge mining regulations
- 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

## **Oakhurst River Parkway Partnership**

Active in these issues/areas:

Climate Change	Eco- tourism	Environmental Education	IRWMP	Transportation	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** South

**County:** Madera

**Watershed:** San Joaquin

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** Preservation of and the provision of safe walking trails. Grassroots community of volunteers.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Held 18<sup>th</sup> River Clean Up Day
- Website updates
- Maintenance of trails including raising them so they are accessible when the river floods

## **Organizations for Rural Quality**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Environmental Education	Food & Garden	Forest Management	Landscaping	Land Use	Smart Growth	Waste Management	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** South

**County:** Nevada

**Watershed:** San Joaquin

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** The Organizations for Rural Quality, the Rural Quality Coalition and the Rural Quality Foundation, are non-profit organizations dedicated to a common Sierra Foothill mission and their goals are to conserve and enhance a vigorous and sustainable balance between people, the economy, and natural resources, and the advancement of policies and programs that foster this balance. In our rural countryside, it is a blending of housing with natural resources in a way that preserves our working farms, ranches, forests, and natural resources. In our towns, it is the history and culture of small town America – the prosperous areas that are the economic hubs of the region.

### **Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Foster progressive social, resource, and land use planning principles
- Provide leadership, monitoring and participation in city, county, and regional foothill governmental policymaking bodies
- Support local organizations and neighborhood groups involved in foothill projects and issues
- Educate the community and solicit grassroots involvement in support of progressive environmental, land use, and social policy-making decisions
- Build membership and coalitions across a broad spectrum of interest groups to support quality planning
- Take appropriate action as needed to protect our mission and vision

## **Placer Land Trust**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

<b>Environmental Education</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watersheds</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>
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**Sub-Region:** North

**County:** Placer

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

**Organizational Description and/or 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. 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, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- 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.

## **Project MANA**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

**Environmental  
Education**

**Food & Garden**

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**Sub-Region:** Central

**County:** Washoe, Placer, Nevada

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** Project MANA is a hunger relief agency for food insecurity, supplementing people's food necessities. We serve Incline Village, Kings Beach, West Shore, Tahoe City, and Truckee. Currently there are four distribution sites. We have gardens in Kings Beach and Truckee. We provide education on gardens in community groups and schools. We provide nutrition education for schools and Boys and Girls Club. We also have a home program called FACE, Food and Companionship Exchange, for individuals to interact.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Striving to offer other services to community members such as food stamps, budgeting, etc. to compliment Project MANA's supplemental food access
- Expanding nutritional outreach
- Established three community gardens, currently two are in operation
- Collaborated with Tahoe SAFE Alliance for the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Chocolate Wine and Roses Festival, a major fundraising event
- Obtained 89,875 pounds of food and served 19,261 individuals in 2012-2013
- Provided 5,060 families with Thanksgiving baskets
- Provided nutrition education to 170 second graders
- Seeking to expand volunteer program, improve and expand nutrition education in community gardens

## **Restore Hetch Hetchy**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

<b>Alliance Member Group</b>	<b>Watersheds</b>
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**Sub-Region:** Yosemite

**County:** San Francisco

**Watershed:** Tuolumne River

**Organizational Description and/or 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 and supply needs of all communities that depend on the Tuolumne River. In order for this to occur, the City of San Francisco must agree to drain the Hetch Hetchy reservoir and return the valley to the control of the National Park Service. 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 towards re-establishing lost habitats.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- The goal of RHH is to win federal funding for restoration of the valley by 2014.

## **Revive the San Joaquin**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Climate Change	Environmental Education	Forest Management	IRWMP	Land Use	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**County:** Fresno, Madera, Merced

**Watershed:** San Joaquin River

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** To promote a collective stewardship that sustains the economic, environmental, and recreational benefits of a healthy San Joaquin River, including adequate flows, habitat, and native fisheries. The mission statement of RSJ provides members and partners with a unified vision for cooperative efforts to revive the San Joaquin River.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Promote stewardship and balanced management of the San Joaquin River that supports both restoration and economic activities related to the river
- Conserve and enhance the wildlife habitat and scenic values of the San Joaquin River and work toward restoration of the historic salmon fishery
- Promote the San Joaquin River as a vital source of clean drinking water and ground water recharge
- Raise public awareness about the importance of the San Joaquin River and the compatibility of restoration and a strong farming economy
- Encourage river recreation activities compatible with protection of wildlife



## **RiverTree Volunteers, Inc.**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Eco-tourism	Environmental Education	Watersheds
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**Sub-Region:** South Central

**County:** Fresno

**Watershed:** San Joaquin River

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** To educate the public about the problems with the San Joaquin River watershed through service learning projects such as river cleanups, restoration projects, invasive weed removal, etc.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Remove 700 tires and about 40 tons of trash on average from the San Joaquin River and its banks each year
- Plant about 500 native riparian plants each year
- Increase our capacity to sustain educational river trips of 36 people or more per trip
- Provide more awareness to underserved populations through free trips
- No age limit for our canoe trips
- Best safety record of any organization on the river in the Fresno County area

## **Sequoia ForestKeeper**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Alliance Member Group	Environmental Education	Forest Management	Land Use	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** Southern Sierra

**County:** Kern

**Watershed:** Kern

**Organizational Description and/or 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. By acting as the eyes, ears, and voice of the forest, Sequoia ForestKeeper (SFK) seeks to improve land management practices, to promote land stewardship, to enforce existing laws and regulations, to implement public awareness programs, to affect national forestry policy, and to offer assistance to local land management agencies.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Expanding our Forest Health GIS Mapping Program which seeks to determine best management practices in Sequoia National Forest and the Giant Sequoia National Monument by using community volunteers, student interns, and staff members to collect scientific data from within the forest, which will be used to continue our Geographic Information System (GIS) spatial analysis of forest health and sequoia regeneration in logged vs. unlogged areas. This information can be used to advise forest management policy for Sequoia National Forest and, hopefully, will spread to include national forests throughout the nation.

## Sequoia Riverlands Trust

**Active in these issues/areas:**

<b>Alliance Member Group</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Environmental Education</b>	<b>Food &amp; Garden</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Land Use</b>	<b>SNAP Host</b>	<b>Watersheds</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>
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**Sub-Region:** South

**County:** Tulare

**Watershed:** Deer Creek, Kern, Kaweah, Kings, Tule

**Organizational Description and/or 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. Sequoia Riverlands Trust (SRT) is a regional, non-profit Central California land trust dedicated to conserving the natural and agricultural legacy of the southern Sierra Nevada and San Joaquin Valley. The wealth, productivity and beauty of this land inspire our work to conserve it for the prosperity and enjoyment of future generations.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- SRT engages landowners, farmers, conservationists and business partners in the counties of Tulare, Fresno, Kern and Kings to collaborate on behalf of Central Valley California heartland with land conservation
- To date, Sequoia Riverlands Trust has protected more than 11,000 acres
- SRT owns and manages six nature preserves that protect 4 thousand acres of remnant landscapes, woodland communities and wildlife habitat
- SRT holds conservation easements on 23 properties totaling more than 4,235 acres of protected land, most of them on working farms and ranches
- SRT has also collaborated with agencies, other non-profit conservation organizations and landowners to protect 3,811 additional acres

## **Shasta Land Trust**

### **Active in these issues/areas:**

Alliance Member Group	Climate Change	Environmental Education	Forest Management	Land Use	SNAP Host	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** North

**County:** Shasta

**Watershed:** Cow Creek, Bear Creek, Fall River,  
Battle Creek, Cottonwood Creek

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** Conserving the beauty, character and diversity of significant lands in far northern California. Shasta Land Trust works with willing landowners to conserve important properties in Northern California. Shasta Land Trust formed because people were inspired by the natural beauty surrounding us here in the Northstate, and they wanted to help conserve some of the landscapes they loved for future generations. Our conservation successes support the local rural way of life, provide wildlife habitat, protect water quality, and provide the public with the benefits of protected open space.

### **Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- SLT has followed a volunteer-led conservation plan to successfully conserve over 20,000 acres of significant rangeland and wildlife habitat in Shasta County and the adjacent areas.
- Continues to work toward lasting protection of important ranches in the Cow Creek Watershed, Fall River Valley, and the Battle Creek and Cottonwood Creek Watersheds
- Pursuing projects with more public recreation benefits
  - Great Shasta Rail Trail Project
- SLT also continues to pursue opportunities such as the Great Shasta Rail Trail, which promise great benefits to the people of northern California and require the expertise SLT provides

## **Sierra Business Council**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Land Use	Watersheds
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**Sub-Region:** Sierra Nevada

**County:** Several

**Watershed:** Several

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** To pioneer innovative projects and approaches that foster community vitality, environmental quality, economic prosperity, and social fairness in the Sierra Nevada. Through innovation, integrity, and respect, the Sierra Business Council fosters and harnesses these opportunities by implementing and modeling proactive adaptation to a shifting environment, economy, and population. These measures will empower the Sierra Nevada to become the best place to raise a family, seek adventure, engage in community, grow a business, to learn, and find meaningful work – a place of hope and accomplishment.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Economy: Downtown Improvements, Brownfield and Mill Site Redevelopment, Heritage Economy Projects, Energy Conservation, and Renewable Energy
- Environment: Conservation Planning, Sustainable Forestry, Ecosystem Service Markets, Carbon Footprint/Offset Projects, Agricultural Preservation Policy, and Stewardship Contracting
- Community: Visual Preference Surveys, Land Use Policy Research, Analysis, and Process Design, General Plan Updates, Design Guidelines, and Form-Based Codes
- Leadership: Fair Labor Practices, Meeting Facilitation, Affordable Housing, Social Network Mapping, Educational Forums, and Leadership Training

## **Sierra Club: Placer Group**

Active in these issues/areas:

Alliance Member Group	Energy	Food & Garden	Green Building	Land Use	Smart Growth	Transportation	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** Central

**County:** Placer

**Watershed:** American River, Auburn Ravine, Coon Creek, and others

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** To explore, enjoy, and protect the planet.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Winery events in agricultural/farm zones
- Entertainment event centers in agricultural/farm zones

## **Sierra Club: Sierra Nevada Group**

Active in these issues/areas:

Alliance Member Group	Climate Change	Energy	Forest Management	Land Use	Smart Growth	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** North

**County:** Nevada

**Watershed:** Yuba

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** The Sierra Club mission is to explore, enjoy and protect the planet. 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, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Commenting on mining projects in the area, private forest timber harvest plans, development projects on sensitive land
- Protecting grasslands from inappropriate development
- Educating members on environmental issues
- Saving Clair Tappaan Lodge for future generations

## **Sierra Club: Kern Kaweah Chapter**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Alliance Member Group	Climate Change	Energy	Environmental Education	Forest Management	Land Use	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** Our chapter works diligently through our volunteer leaders on behalf of clean air, clean water, protection of our wild forests and wildlife, and for solutions against sprawl.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Monitoring the efforts of the Sequoia National Forest to write a new management plan for the Giant Sequoia National Monument
- Monitors management of Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Park
  - The Sierra Club is creating a Resilient Habitats campaign to combat the expected impacts of climate change on the ecosystems found there
- Logging, fuels reduction, trail plans, and meadow restoration
- Global warming, energy, air pollution, and farmland preservation
- Monitors and comments on solar projects
- Monitors wind energy projects in the greater Tehachapi wind resource area
- Tulare County water issues, such as recharging aquifers, restoration of riparian habitat, and San Joaquin River restoration
- Monitors the Kern County Parks Committee plus Bakersfield City parks
- Protects California black bears, as well as other sensitive forest species



## **Sierra Club: Maidu Group**

Active in these issues/areas:

Alliance Member Group	Climate Change	Energy	Environmental Education	Forest Management	Land Use	Smart Growth	Transportation	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** Central

**County:** El Dorado and Amador

**Watershed:** American, Cosumnes, Mokelumne, Rubicon

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** To explore, enjoy, and protect the planet. 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, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Local issues, such as commenting to the appropriate public bodies about development, forestry activity, and off-highway vehicle use
- Instrumental in bringing Resource Allocation Committee grants to Sierra Nevada trail construction and maintenance projects
- 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 Lode Chapter**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Alliance Member Group	Climate Change	Energy	Environmental Education	Forest Management	Land Use	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** To explore, enjoy, and protect the planet.

### **Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Partnering with the national Sierra Club in engaging the Forest Service as it updates its management plans for each of the National Forests in the Sierra Nevada
- Organizing a new campaign to call attention to the need for clean water and healthy forests and to stop clear-cutting in the Sierra Nevada
- Stopped a rezoning of forests into subdivisions
- Prevent new dams that threaten the American, Bear, and Mokelumne River
- Working to protect Walker Ridge forever by gaining its designation as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern and its inclusion in the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area
- With coalition partners, stopped plans by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency to allow 138 new piers and thousands of new buoys on the lake
- Filed a "Friend of the Court Brief" backing Stanislaus County in requiring that developers protect one acre of farmland for every acre that they develop

## **Sierra Club: Range of Light Group**

Active in these issues/areas:

Alliance Member Group	Climate Change	Energy	Environmental Education	Forest Management	IRWMP	Land Use	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Organizational Description and/or 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. 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, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- 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.

## **Sierra Club: Tahoe Area**

### **Active in these issues/areas:**

Alliance Member Group	Climate Change	Eco-tourism	Energy	Environmental Education	Forest Management	Land Use	Smart Growth	Transportation	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**County:** El Dorado, Placer, Carson, Washoe, Douglas

**Watershed:** Lake Tahoe Basin

**Organizational Description and/or 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.

### **Current Focus, Accomplishments and Goals:**

- Meet every other month and feature guest speakers from around the basin to share information pertinent to conservation and community engagement
- 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
- Volunteering for and sponsoring conservation activities and events around the Lake

## **Sierra Club: Yahí Group**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

<b>Alliance Member Group</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>	<b>Energy</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>Watersheds</b>
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**Sub-Region:** North

**County:** Butte

**Watershed:** Feather, Susan, Upper Sacramento

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** The Sierra Club's mission is to explore, enjoy and protect the planet. A regional unit of the Sierra Club, the Yahí Group covers a five county region, with most of its leadership in the Chico and Paradise area. The 1,300 members have interests in 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.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- The Sierra Club Yahí Group focuses on fracking and water issues such as water transfers and groundwater management.
- The Group is focused on fighting conjunctive use, the Twin Tunnels, and raising the Shasta dam.

## **Sierra Foothill Conservancy**

Active in these issues/areas:

Land Use	SNAP Host	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** Central

**County:** Fresno, Madera, Mariposa

**Watershed:** San Joaquin River, Fresno River,  
Chowchilla River, Merced River, Kings River,  
Madera River

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** The grasslands, foothills, and forests between Yosemite and Kings Canyon National Parks provide land for farms and ranches, a home for native plants and wildlife, and a source of clean water. The Sierra Foothill Conservancy honors our natural and cultural heritage by protecting these resources and ensuring that present and future generations will continue to experience and enjoy the land in this region. From the snow-capped Sierra to the Central Valley floor, expansive landscapes, important habitats, and clean water resources are conserved and managed to ensure continuing public benefits. SFC supports a thriving land-based economy while promoting a conservation ethic that spans generations.

## **Sierra Green Building Association**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Climate Change	Energy	Green Building	Smart Growth	Waste Management
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**Sub-Region:** Central

**County:** Placer

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** The Sierra Green Building Association's mission is to educate and promote environmental building and business practices for a sustainable lifestyle in Sierra Nevada communities. We achieve this by advocating resource efficiency in all phases of the design, construction, and operation of homes and businesses, providing educational resources and support in the areas of site development, energy, building materials, air, water, and waste, and coordinating networking opportunities and community events. Our vision is to lead Tahoe, Truckee, and surrounding Sierra communities into a new sustainable era. Through proven green building methods, we can build, maintain, and operate buildings without compromising the abilities of future generation to do the same.

### **Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Education- SiGBA offers many types of learning environments for green practices: green building tours, Live Green Build Green speaker series, educational workshops and much more. We inspire students through our outreach programs in schools, as well as providing continuing educational opportunities for both professionals and homeowners.
- Networking- SiGBA creates a uniquely diverse environment for members to connect with like-minded community members.
- Business Promotion- SiGBA helps promote green businesses, providing our members with a public platform through our website, and our social and business events.
- In 2009, SiGBA launched "Keep the Sierra Green" business recognition program in partnership with the Town of Truckee, Nevada County, Placer County, Incline Village General Improvement District, the North Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce, and the Truckee Donner Chamber of Commerce.
  - This is a free program available to any businesses interested in reducing their environmental footprint
- SiGBA launched energy surveys in partnership with the Town of Truckee and the utility company which were made free with the sponsorship of Truckee-Donor Public Utility District. Already, over 700 surveys have been performed in the town of Truckee.
- Provided building tours for the general public at 5-6 different homes in the community showcasing different sustainability elements in the homes which have inspired more home tours in South Lake Tahoe and Reno
- Published a resource guide listing membership and projects in the community
- Facilitated 4 large festivals including Tahoe Green Fest and Green Life Eco Fest in Grass Valley

## Sierra Institute for Community and Environment

Active in these issues/areas:

Alliance Member Group	Environmental Education	Energy	Forest Management	IRWMP	Land Use	SNAP Host	Watersheds
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**Sub-Region:** North

**County:** Plumas

**Watershed:** Upper Feather River

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** Sierra Institute 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. Located in the Sierra Nevada hamlet of Taylorsville, the Sierra Institute for Community and Environment 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.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments and Goals:**

- CEC Grant working on woody renewables
- WOODY BUG Grant working again with woody renewables



## Sierra Watch

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Alliance Member Group	Climate Change	Energy	Environmental Education	Forest Management	Green Building	IRWMP	Land Use	Smart Growth	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** Sierra-wide

**Watershed:** Truckee River, American River, Yuba River, Bear River, Feather River

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** Sierra Watch secures permanent protection of Sierra Nevada landscapes by transforming development threats into conservation opportunities. We maintain a small leadership staff, coordinating a shared commitment and combining in-house capacity with external expertise to secure conservation victories.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- 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.
- Celebrating a victory in helping to purchase and protect the entire Royal Gorge/ Donner Summit property -- the heart of the Summit Region
- Successfully mobilized overwhelming opposition to a proposed dam on the Bear River
- Continue to support Mountain Meadows Conservancy in its heroic effort to defend Dyer Mountain -- threatened with the biggest development proposal in the Northern Sierra
- Playing the lead role in shaping a better vision for Squaw Valley

## **Slow Food: Lake Tahoe Chapter**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Alliance Member Group	Climate Change	Energy	Environmental Education	Food & Garden	Land Use	Smart Growth	Watersheds	Waste Management
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**Sub-Region:** Central

**County:** Nevada

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

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Educating the public about current food policy issues and advocacy
- Holding movies nights with films regarding food issues
- 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 host food demonstrations

## Small World

Active in these issues/areas:

Alliance Member Group	Climate Change	Energy	Environmental Education	Food & Garden	Transportation	Waste Management
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**County:** El Dorado

**Organizational Description and/or 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.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- 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 to increase the amount of locally & sustainably grown food available in school lunch programs
- Helping to lead the campaign for a plastic bag ban in South Lake Tahoe
- Working to increase the network of family-friendly bicycle lanes in the Tahoe Basin
- Raised over \$50,000 for year-round Growing Dome at a Tahoe Elementary School
- Established a pilot composting program at a Tahoe elementary school
- Gathered more than 1000 signatures on a petition in support of a plastic bag ban in Tahoe
- Conducted compassionate communication workshops
- Established regular gatherings for parents and children to plan projects and campaigns
- Connected a San Joaquin Valley grower with Tahoe schools to provide fresh citrus to students

## **Squaw Alpine Association**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Smart  
Growth

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**Sub-Region:** Central  
**County:** Placer

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** To preserve the integrity and spirit of our mountain communities. To pursue incorporation as a means to greater self determination. The Squaw Alpine Association is working on the incorporation process in cooperation with Placer County's LAFCO. The Association is working to provide information about, and updates on, incorporation to the community and to get community input throughout the process.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- The Squaw Alpine Association is working on the incorporation process in cooperation with Placer County's LAFCO
- On June 29th a meeting was held with Alpine residents to discuss incorporation
- In addition to another community meeting, a survey was conducted of registered Alpine Meadows voters who signaled that they were not interested in incorporation
- Subsequently a petition is now being circulated in Squaw Valley with overwhelming response
- The required 25% of voters to move forward with the process were collected in just 4 days

## **Sugar Pine Foundation**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Environmental  
Education

Forest  
Management

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**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** The objective of The Sugar Pine Foundation is to restore natural regeneration of sugar pines, western white pines and whitebark pines in the Lake Tahoe Basin. Currently, an exotic fungal infection from Asia, white pine blister rust (WPBR) kills more than 90 percent of white pines that become infected. The Sugar Pine Foundation locates healthy trees, collects cones from them and submits them to the Forest Service to test for resistance from the fungus. Once a tree is confirmed resistant, we harvest its seed and plant progeny from those trees.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Identified 65 sugar pine seed trees
- Planted over 50,000 resistant sugar pine seedlings with school groups, community volunteers and field crews
- Working on a similar restoration program with western white pines

## **Sustainable Tahoe**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

**Alliance Member  
Group**

**Eco-tourism**

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**Sub-Region:** North Lake Tahoe

**County:** Washoe

**Watershed:** Truckee River

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** Create a 21st century experience economy guided by geo-tourism principles. Sustainable Tahoe facilitates activities that increase your connection to the unique and diverse geography, water, culture, heritage and wildlife of the Tahoe region, while requiring no clean-up or mitigation.

## **Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Environmental  
Education

Land Use

Smart Growth

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**Sub-Region:** North

**County:** Sutter, Yuba, Colusa

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** For the past 25 years the Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust, formerly known as the Middle Mountain Foundation, has been working to help preserve natural resources, agriculture lands and open space within the Sutter Buttes and the surrounding region including properties within Sutter, Yuba and Colusa counties. The organization has always favored inclusiveness, bringing together private landowners with scientists, educators, students, families, artists, and other citizens. The common ground is the Sutter Buttes, a landscape of agricultural heritage and natural and cultural values.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- The organization expanded its mission to include land conservation and mitigation efforts throughout Sutter, Yuba, and Colusa counties with an emphasis of preserving productive farmland and open space. This area encompasses approximately 2,200 square miles or 1.4 million acres located north of Sacramento.
- Assisting Yuba and Sutter local officials in developing a comprehensive regional conservation plan to offset the loss of up to 34,000 acres of critical habitat, agricultural lands, wetlands, and open space
- Seeking Land Trust Alliance (LTA) accreditation through a comprehensive plan and developing required policies and procedures under LTA guidelines
- Development of a comprehensive stewardship, management and monitoring program
- Expanded effort to help preserve food production and the American agricultural heritage through the increased awareness of land conservation and its values
- Becoming an active and respected regional conservation partner for the long-term sustainability of the organization, developing funding resources: business sponsors, planned giving, instituting new fund-raising activities and conservation opportunities
- Hold four conservation easements totaling 2000 acres in Sutter and Yuba Counties
- Educate 1,500 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders annually
- 1,200 hikers participate in the interpretive guiding hiking program annually, increasing local awareness

## Tahoe Baikal Institute

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Alliance Member Group	Climate Change	Eco-tourism	Energy	Environmental Education	Landscaping	Land Use	Smart Growth	SNAP Host	SNAP Host Site	Watersheds
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**Organizational Description and/or 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, and the environment. TBI is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in the United States based in the City of South Lake Tahoe (California, USA).

### **Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- 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 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**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Alliance Member Group	Environmental Education	Wildlife
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**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** To advance the natural history, conservation, and ecosystem knowledge of the Tahoe region through science, education, and outreach. TINS engages in multiple science, education, and outreach programs to promote greater appreciation, understanding, and stewardship of the natural resources of the Tahoe region.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- 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.
- TINS' long-term goal is bringing a world-class interpretive nature center and educational facility to the Tahoe area.

## **Tahoe Tallac Association**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

**Alliance Member  
Group**

**Environmental  
Education**

**Green  
Building**

**Landscaping**

**Land Use**

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**Sub-Region:** Central

**County:** El Dorado

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** The Tahoe Tallac Association was formed in 1979 as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the goal of assisting the Forest Service in restoring the three estates on the Tallac Historic Site and developing the site as a historic center while sponsoring as well as producing the Valhalla Arts & Music Festival held annually on the Heller Estate of the Tallac Historic Site. The site is listed on the National Registry of Historic Sites. We are also enabling the public to learn about, as well as enjoy, many rich diverse cultural experiences. The Association annually sponsors the Valhalla Arts & Music Festival, which features events that reflect the art and music of many cultures and historic time frames while enriching the lives of those who attend.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Currently, cultural arts programs are housed in several structures on the site, bike paths wind through the site and concerts and art exhibits are held throughout the summer.
- Attracts over 100,000 visitors each summer
- Art and photo exhibitions, arts education, art demonstrations, artists in residency, theatrical performances and a huge array of concerts that are designed to appeal to a diverse culture, interest, as well as raise funds for restoration projects on the site
- Currently seeking funds or means to raise \$30,000 for the roof replacement
- The Board will be conducting a retreat this Fall to focus on just what the organization should look like in the next three to five years: staffing, types of programming offered, possible collaboration with other arts organizations around the Basin, etc.
- The Board has discussed a desire to begin developing a three-year plan for our cultural arts program development

## **The Sierra Fund**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Alliance Member Group	Environmental Education	Forest Management	IRWMP	SNAP Host	Watersheds
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**Organizational Description and/or 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 in 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. 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

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- We are working on the following activities as part of a strategic campaign on mining: Publicize and post abandoned mines and fish advisories, focused outreach to public health and medical professionals, specific policy proposals to incentivize cleanup of abandoned mines, and development of specific pilot projects and promotion of “green solutions” incentives
- 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, which resulted in the involvement of six graduate students and two undergrads, as well as several faculty members
- Serving as leaders of a group of organizations and agencies to integrate mercury cleanup projects under the umbrella of the Cosumnes, American Bear Yuba (CABY) IRWMP – a proposal that has been lauded by CABY as the strongest project developed
- Launching a 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

## **The Wilderness Society**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Alliance Member Group	Climate Change	Environmental Education	Forest Management	Landscaping	Land Use	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** We are working to preserve and protect California's spectacular wilderness, to restore critical wildlife habitat and to address the impacts of climate change. With more than 12 million acres of federal public land, the Sierra Nevada is a vast and diverse range, extending 400 miles from north to south.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Preserving key wilderness for recreation, wildlife and water supplies
- Help develop forest management plans to improve their health
- Restore thousands of acres that will improve wildlife habitat, safeguard water supplies, lower wildfire risk and boost local tourism
- Improve forest health by identifying illegal or eroding dirt roads that can be reclaimed by nature
- New management plans for all national forests are underway and our initial Sierra work focuses on three of the nation's 'early adopter' forests: the Sierra, Inyo and Sequoia national forests
- California office is also helping with restoring 154,000 acres of the Dinkey area of the Sierra National Forest; This collaborative project will restore a watershed and boost the economy of local communities
- Improving the ecological health of Sierra forests with our roads program
- The Wilderness Society has helped preserve more than one million acres of new wilderness in California since 2001
- Won victories that defend our forests and deserts from development and keep wild lands healthy through roads management
- The Wilderness Society has worked with partners to permanently protect more than one million acres of wilderness since 2001
- In 2009, Wilderness Society leadership helped preserve 750,000 acres of new wilderness in the Sierra Nevada and Southern California.

## **Truckee Donner Land Trust**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

**Alliance Member  
Group**

**Forest  
Management**

**Land Use**

**Watersheds**

**Wildlife**

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**Sub-Region:** North Central

**County:** Placer

**Watershed:** Truckee River

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** To preserve and protect scenic, historic and recreational lands with high natural resource values in the greater Truckee Donner region. Over the years, the Truckee Donner Land Trust has protected over 33,000 acres, ensuring continued recreational access and protecting lands for future generations. We are determined to protect another 24,500 acres in the coming years with a value of over \$40 million. Today, the mountains, canyons, meadows, lakes and rivers that make the Truckee Donner region a great place to live, work, and play continues to face threats from unwise growth and development spilling over onto our treasured natural areas. With support from our neighbors, members, and partners, we can protect what we love today to enjoy forever. We employ four full time people with two seasonal helpers and a few contractors.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Recently accomplished the conservation of 3,000 acres in Webber Lake/Lacey Meadows
- Acquisition of the threatened Royal Gorge area on Donner Summit
- Achieved Accreditation from the Land Trust Alliance
- Creating a recreation management plan for Royal Gorge
- Land stewardship
- Continued acquisition of priority landscapes

## **Truckee River Watershed Council**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

<b>Alliance Member Group</b>	<b>IRWMP</b>	<b>Watersheds</b>
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**Sub-Region:** North

**County:** Sierra, Nevada, Placer

**Watershed:** Truckee

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** The Truckee River Watershed Council brings the community 'Together for the Truckee' to protect, enhance, and restore the Truckee River watershed. We identify, coordinate, fund and implement restoration, prevention and monitoring projects directly related to the health, beauty, and economy of the watershed. Combining ecological principles and a deep understanding of our region's values, we focus on the root causes of threats to the Truckee River watershed.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Works on large-scale restoration projects
- About 50 high priority projects to be completed in the next decade
- Prevent further degradation of the Truckee River watershed through Adopt-A-Stream water quality monitoring program, River-Friendly Landscaping residential erosion control, and Weed Warriors invasive plant program
- The Watershed Council engages the community in work with Truckee River Day each year in October: a day of river, meadow and wetland restoration with over 500 volunteers

## **Tuolumne County Land Trust**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

<b>Alliance Member Group</b>	<b>Forest Management</b>	<b>Landscaping</b>	<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Watersheds</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>
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**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** It is the mission of the Tuolumne County Land Trust to perpetuate this area's important landscape values, including agricultural, scenic, natural, cultural, and recreational lands. The Tuolumne County Land Trust is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3), public benefit corporation. The TCLT protects land permanently by accepting easements that perpetuate agricultural, scenic, natural, or historical values. Occasionally, the TCLT assists private donors in the transfer of title of land to public agencies for protection of special values. With broad community support, land trusts can access state and federal funds not available in other ways. Our commitment is to reach out to all potential partners with whom we can share a common vision, including public/private partnerships, to benefit the whole community and to maximize the potential for land protection.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Working with the owners of private lands within Tuolumne County, who wish to protect the special features of their lands through voluntary private actions
- Members are affiliated with and generally care about conservation of: agricultural lands; natural landscapes; watersheds, rivers, streams, lakes, ponds and vernal pools; scenery and scenic vistas; recreational land, including trails; endangered species habitats; timber preserves; Native American sites; and historic sites
- The TCLT is affiliated with the nationwide Land Trust Alliance, the statewide California Council of Land Trusts, and the local Sierra Cascade Land Trust Council
- Initiated and facilitated cooperation with federal, state, and local agencies, as well as with local conservation groups, other land trusts, foundations, and private citizens to protect lands with agricultural resources, wildlife habitat, scenic view sheds, recreational opportunities, and cultural resource values in Tuolumne County

## **UCCE Master Gardener Program**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

**Food &  
Garden**

**Landscaping**

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**County:** Placer and Nevada

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** Our mission as University of California Master Gardener volunteers is to extend research-based gardening and composting information to the public through various educational outreach methods. We strive to present accurate, impartial information to local gardeners so they have the knowledge to make informed gardening decisions in regard to plant choices, soil fertility, pest management, irrigation practices, and more.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Producing an annual award-winning calendar each year with a different theme relating to sustainability
- Providing over 20 public workshops a year at their Demonstration Garden on various gardening and composting topics
- Utilizing the Senior Community Garden to help seniors who are confined to indoor spaces grow their own fresh and nutritious fruits and vegetables
- Providing school gardens and composting outreach to help develop and sustain school gardens and integrate them into curriculum to provide education in nutrition, gardening, and the standard subjects
- Received awards for both Master Gardener programs (Placer and Nevada), recognized for their high-quality outreach methods
- Partnered with the City of Auburn, City of Roseville, Roseville Utility Exploration Center, Placer Nature Center, PlacerSustain, Head Start, Placer County Office of Education, Placer County Water Agency and more to give workshops, attend seminars, create publications and basically increase our reach across the county
- Enhanced our Demonstration Garden in Nevada County, in partnership with Nevada Irrigation District, in Grass Valley with new features including a new shade structure, new garden areas, new signs and more
- Published the 'Western Nevada County Gardening Guide'. It is a 100+ page publication that helps local gardeners be successful in their gardens and landscapes



## Upper Merced River Watershed Council

Active in these issues/areas:

Climate Change	Environmental Education	Forest Management	IRWMP	Landscaping	SNAP Host	Watersheds
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**Sub-Region:** South Central

**County:** Mariposa

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** The Council does not own or manage any land or water. It brings partners together to protect and enhance the natural, economic, and cultural resources of the Upper Merced River Watershed through education, community-based projects, responsible planning, and stewardship. The Council has overseen grant projects for the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District and is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit as well.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Maintaining sustainability of the organization as grant funding becomes more difficult to obtain
- Maintaining good health of the watershed
- Starting a membership program
- Providing watershed stakeholder education and outreach
- Maintained a citizen water quality monitoring program for the past eight years on 10-12 sites along the Merced River
- Achieved success in removing invasive weeds in targeted areas adjacent to the Merced River in partnership with Bureau of Land Management, US Forest Service, and National Park Service
- Worked with the Bureau of Land Management to renovate a historic building on the Merced River, turning it into the Merced River Center at Briceburg
- Provided stakeholder outreach including informative presentations for the public and hands-on science education for students in Mariposa and Merced Counties

## **Washoe Meadows Community**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Alliance Member Group	Climate Change	Eco-tourism	Environmental Education	Forest Management	Land Use	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** Central

**County:** El Dorado

**Watershed:** Upper Truckee River

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** Founded in 2006, Washoe Meadows Community is a grassroots non-profit organization of volunteer activists and supporters from across the state working to protect the natural, cultural and recreational resources of Washoe Meadows State Park. Our goal is to preserve the park, restore the river and promote an alternative which is more environmentally, economically and socially sustainable.

**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Prevented a destructive project from being implemented due to continued legal support during our lawsuit proceedings
- Consulted with scientists leading to detailed identification of important natural resources that require protection and to help with development of another project alternative
- Obtained support from a number of other conservation groups including California Native Plant Society, California Planning & Conservation League, California Sierra Club, Defense of Place, League to Save Lake Tahoe, World Water and Climate Network, Tahoe Area Sierra Club
- Plan to continue to win support for development of an alternative project based on the legal and scientific issues with the current project
- Features for a successful solution include a State Parks project for restoration of the river and riparian habitat using advanced methods on a cost-effective scale, golf excluded from the park, expanded uses for the State Recreation Area and park, and avoidance of a precedent-setting downgrade in classification of park land

## Western Shasta Resource Conservation District

Active in these issues/areas:

Climate Change	Environmental Education	Food & Garden	Forest Management	IRWMP	Land Use	Water	Wildlife
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**Sub-Region:** Western

**County:** Shasta

**Watershed(s):** Battle Creek, Bear Creek, Chrun Creek, Lower and Upper Clear Creek, Cottonwood Creek, Cow Creek, McCloud River, Pit River, Sacramento River- Upper, Shasta West, Stillwater Creek, Sulphur Creek

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** Collaborate with willing landowners, government agencies and other organizations to facilitate the conservation and restoration of Western Shasta County's Natural Resources.

- Special District of the State of California and is funded entirely by grants and contracts
- Formed in 1957
- Currently assists landowners with technical assistance and also implements for Fuels Reduction, Water Restoration, Fisheries Restoration, and Natural Resource Education

### **Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Developed an Anderson Creek Watershed and Keswick Basin Watershed Action Plan to identify issues, objectives, and water quality improvement projects in the watershed
- Updated the Shasta County Fire Safe Council map of fuel breaks planned and completed throughout Shasta County
- Coordinated a volunteer citizen-based survey program to inventory barriers to fish passage around bridges, culverts, etc. in the Keswick Basin, Anderson Creek, and Stillwater-Chrun Creek watersheds
- Coordinated on-the-ground citizen watershed restoration activities including litter and debris pick-up, invasive species eradication, and native species planting
- Constructed shaded fuel breaks in places like Backbone-Mccandless Road, Cassel, Archer Road, Shingletown Ridge Road and Sites/Plateau Pines
- Assisted FEMA in public meetings, GIS mapping, outreach and education regarding new floodplain maps for California
- Continued the cleanup and disposal of illegal tires dumped in watersheds in the district

## **WildPlaces**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Alliance Member Group	Environmental Education	Land Use	SNAP Host Site	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Current Focus, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Focusing on two most effective programs, Rio Limpio and Immersed in the Wild
  - Rio Limpio, which translates to clean river, focuses on Tule River outreach and cleanups
  - Immersed in the Wild is a single and multi-day outdoor program that is free to participants and engages youth of diverse ages, backgrounds and locations throughout CA in stewardship of the land.
  - Expert youth facilitators and activists guide our youth in safe and effective education sessions about observing, monitoring and restoring watersheds, traditional plant uses, plant science, wildlife, archeological sight stewardship, art, team-building, oral traditions, tracking and maps.

## **Wolf Creek Community Alliance**

**Active in these issues/areas:**

Alliance Member Group	Environmental Education	IRWMP	Land Use	Smart Growth	Transportation	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**County:** Nevada

**Watershed:** Bear River

**Organizational Description and/or Mission Statement:** 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, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- Preserve and protect the creek and its watershed for the benefit of present and future generations
- Engender community stewardship of the creek and its watershed
- Restore the creek to a condition of optimal health and integrity
- Monitor the physical, chemical, and biological condition of the creek
- Prosper and thrive as an organization and thereby have a long-lasting presence and effect in the watershed
- Completed ten years of water quality monitoring and still going strong!

## Yosemite Area Audubon Society

Active in these issues/areas:

Alliance Member Group	Climate Change	Energy	Environmental Education	Food & Garden	Forest Management	Land Use	Smart Growth	Transportation	Watersheds	Wildlife
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**Organizational Description and/or 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. 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, Accomplishments, and Goals:**

- YAAS participates in multiple Citizen Science projects
- Give both financial and volunteer support of the Sierra Nevada Foothills Native Plant Demonstration Garden
- The YAAS is celebrating the recent receipt of National Audubon Society's 2013 Callison Award for Volunteerism