

SIERRA NEVADA ALLIANCE ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

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The Sierra Nevada Alliance celebrated its eighth year of working to protect the Sierra with a conference and field trips in Yosemite that highlighted the complexity of collaboration and conflict, the benefits of watershed restoration, and the transportation and land use impacts of increasing population growth. Heady stuff for a room full of people concerned with the future of the Sierra!

And we celebrated the successes of the past year, launching the Sierra Land Trust Council through its first annual rendezvous, and working with state watershed interests to create a statewide network of watershed groups, called the California Watershed Network. Although the Sierra provides 65% of the drinking water to the state, there is not yet the understanding in the state that the headwaters need help with stewarding and restoring those headwaters. And the Sierra needs a statewide support system, because only through a state network can we develop the political leverage to get the Sierra's fair share of restoration funds.

Supporting our Member Groups

Eight years ago, when we started the Alliance, we had a list of the known grassroots groups working in the Sierra, and the list totaled forty. Today, the Alliance is host to eighty member groups working to protect and maintain the many Sierra natural resources that make up our ecosystem. The great growth in new groups speaks volumes about the passion of the people who live in the Sierra - those with a firm commitment to protect the places that are important to them, and that are important to the fabric of the Sierra itself. We are very fortunate that there are thousands of people who are dedicated to the future of John Muir's Range of Light. The member groups are truly the heart and soul of the Alliance.

Protecting and Restoring Watersheds

The Alliance chose well when we decided to focus our rangewide program on watersheds - because watershed health and restoration touches on all aspects of the Sierra's ecosystems and its human communities. We know from countless stories up and

down the Sierra that watersheds are a magnet for communities to come together and work on a resource issue that touches their hearts. We have been very successful in promoting, nurturing and helping local watershed groups, and our work at the state level has brought millions in restoration funds to Sierra watersheds. Much of this money is just beginning to get through the state contracting process and into projects that will benefit our communities and our environment.

Roads and Highways

As more people move to the Sierra or come to play for a day or week, we see our local roads and highways become increasingly busy. And CalTrans proposes those age-old, but temporary, solutions of adding new road lanes, building bypasses or overpasses, and installing signal lights that change our image and impinge on our rural senses. No one knows what the future looks like for transportation and there is no plan for the Sierra, so we endure engineering solutions that damage our watersheds, communities and scenic views. The Alliance is exploring a new way to look at transportation issues in the Sierra - we believe that the Sierra deserves a more thoughtful approach to design and construction of roads and highways.

Transition Time

And, as changes come to everything, after eight very interesting, exciting, demanding, fun, and successful years, I will be easing out of the Alliance. As one of a large group of founders, I have been strengthened by my close association with this vibrant and effective group, yet had no understanding in1993 that I would work so hard for so long! Its time to slow down, and I leave knowing that the Alliance is a well-established force for protecting the Sierra's awe-inspiring streams, mountains, foothills, trails, valleys, and its communities.

Laurel W. Ames
Executive Director

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BALANCE SHEET JULY 1, 2000 - JUNE 30, 2001 (unaudited)

ASSETS 1	
Cash	\$118,144
Equipment (less depreciation)	\$ 2,789
TOTAL ASSETS	\$120,933
LIABILITIES Accrued Employment Taxes/	
Vacation	\$ 7,061
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 7,061
EQUITY AND NET WORTH	
Net Worth 2	\$113,872
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH	\$120,933

Notes to Balance Sheet

- 1 The assets the Alliance carries on its balance sheet are cash, receivables, and equipment (less depreciation)
- 2 The positive net worth arises from funds pledged to specific programs which have been funded by major grants, received in advance of the spending of the monies. Use of the majority of the monies in the money market fund is restricted to funding programs for which the grants were received.

Assets increased by \$39,213, and Liabilities decreased by \$4,901 from fiscal year 99-00.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT June 30, 2001

SUPPORT & REVENUE	
Foundation Grants	\$191,790
Contributed Services	\$ 10,522
Sierra Land Trust Council	\$ 6,987
Board of Directors	\$ 4,485
Donations	\$ 32,999
Conference	\$ 5,794
Futures Fund	\$ 1,000
Interest/Pub Sales	\$ 8,364
Member Groups	\$ 2,155
TOTAL	\$264,096
EXPENSES	
Personnel	\$121,602
Fundraising	\$ 19,240
Contributed Services	\$ 10,522
Conference	\$ 9,537
Operating	\$ 37,506
Newsletter/Reports	\$ 8,792
Consultants	\$ 10,651
Org. Effectiveness	\$ 7,033
TOTAL	\$224,883



