



SIERRA NEVADA ALLIANCE

ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2002-03

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The Sierra Nevada Alliance had a dynamic fiscal year protecting and restoring the natural resources of the Sierra Nevada while promoting sustainable communities.

Community Group Support Program

The Sierra Nevada Alliance provided information, networking, and mini-grants to our network of over sixty member groups throughout the Sierra. We held our ninth annual conference in August of 2002 in South Lake Tahoe with a record number of 120 conservation leaders participating. The Alliance also gave out the eighth round of Futures Fund mini grants to eight organizations supporting a broad range of activities, from land trust strategic planning to youth education on the American River. The Alliance also expanded the number of conservation leaders receiving our electronic Alliance Sierra Weekly featuring breaking news articles and other Sierra conservation items. Finally, the Alliance established a new electronic conservation action alert system.

In the Spring of 2003 the Alliance held a Southern Sierra Summit, bringing together conservation leaders from Kern to Mariposa Counties. Participants established new connections to protect this growing foothill region of the Sierra.

Resource Protection and Restoration Program

The Sierra Nevada Alliance continued to work aggressively for Sierra land, air, and water protection. The Sierra watershed program managed a watershed assessment of the Upper Carson River for the Alpine Watershed Group. This sophisticated health report of the watershed was made possible by a \$200,000 grant that the Alliance secured from the State Water Resources Control Board. The assessment project has produced a cutting edge GIS database for the watershed to help analyze watershed issues, plan and track restoration progress, and assist with community education. The Alliance also organized a successful Markleeville Creek Day in the fall of 2002 with 10% of the county's population participating in hands-on restoration projects.

Thanks to the support of the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund, the Alliance interviewed and held planning meetings with over forty conservation leaders, agency staff, and county leaders on Sierra water and climate change issues. The Alliance also completed research on the health of 24 Sierra watersheds and other water issues for a report to be produced in the next fiscal

year. There will be a 2.5 to 10 degree Fahrenheit rise in temperature in the Sierra that will severely shrink the snow pack and challenge California and Northwestern Nevada's water delivery system over the next 25-90 years. The Alliance planned a major campaign for the next fiscal year that will protect natural resources in the face of climate change while continuing to supply high quality water to both states.

The Sierra Lands project was also busy. The Alliance advocated for the establishment of a state Sierra Conservancy to fund conservation in the region. The Alliance, for the second year, released a scorecard with the Ski Area Citizen's Coalition grading Western State ski areas for their impacts on water quality, wildlands, and air quality. The scorecard release gained widespread major media coverage around California and the Sierra. The Alliance also partnered with Professor Carlos Davidson of California State University of Sacramento and secured funding from the State Water Resources Control Board to fund research on threatened frogs of the Sierra and Cascades.

Organizational Development

The Alliance received a grant from the Resource Legacy Fund which built the capacity of the organization's fundraising and diversified funding sources. Thanks to this support the organization significantly increased support from individual supporters and business sponsors. The Alliance also joined Earthshare, a work place giving program.

There is a new look for the Alliance in 02-03 with a new brochure, fact sheets and an educational power point slide show. The Alliance gained the assistance of six Sierra leaders by forming a new Advisory Board: Laurel Ames, Jim Baetge, Patty Brissenden, Martha Davis (chair), Tom Martens, and Kerri Timmer.

The Sierra Nevada Alliance is well positioned for 2003-2004, with lots of individual supporters, board support, an expanded network of member groups, lots of volunteer energy and a committed staff. The organization plans to build on the successes of 02-03 to continue protecting Sierra lands, water, wildlife and communities.

Sincerely,

Joan Clayburgh, Executive Director

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The Sierra Nevada Alliance would like to thank everyone who has donated during the past fiscal year.

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BALANCE SHEET
JULY 1, 2002 - JUNE 30, 2003

<i>ASSETS</i> ¹	
Cash	\$46,428
Equipment (less depreciation)	\$ 108
TOTAL ASSETS	\$46,536
<i>LIABILITIES</i>	
Accrued Employment Taxes/ Vacation	\$ 6,174
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 6,174
<i>EQUITY AND NET WORTH</i>	
Net Worth ²	\$40,362
 TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH	 \$46,536

Notes to Balance Sheet

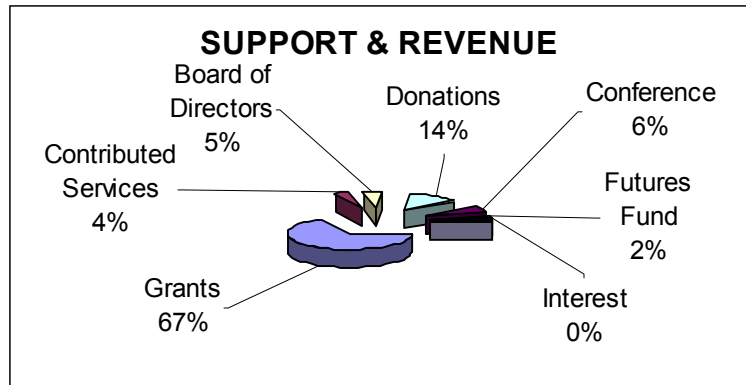
- ¹ The assets the Alliance carries on its balance sheet are cash, receivables, and equipment (less depreciation)
- ² The positive net worth arises from funds pledged to specific programs which have been funded by major grants, received in advance of the spending of the monies. Use of the majority of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

Assets decreased by \$71,716, and Liabilities decreased by \$887 from fiscal year 01-02

FINANCIAL STATEMENT June 30, 2003

SUPPORT & REVENUE

Grants	\$182,894
Contributed Services	\$ 10,372
Board of Directors	\$ 13,625
Donations	\$ 37,093
Conference	\$ 15,606
Futures Fund	\$ 5,000
Interest	\$ 1,230
Member Groups	\$ 4,305
 TOTAL	 \$270,125



EXPENSES

Admin. Personnel	\$ 28,431
Fundraising	\$ 1,181
Futures Fund	\$ 5,000
Office Expenses	\$ 8,587
Program Expenses	\$122,137
Program Consultants	\$ 12,735
Conference	\$ 10,173
Newsletter	\$ 3,430
 TOTAL	 \$191,674

