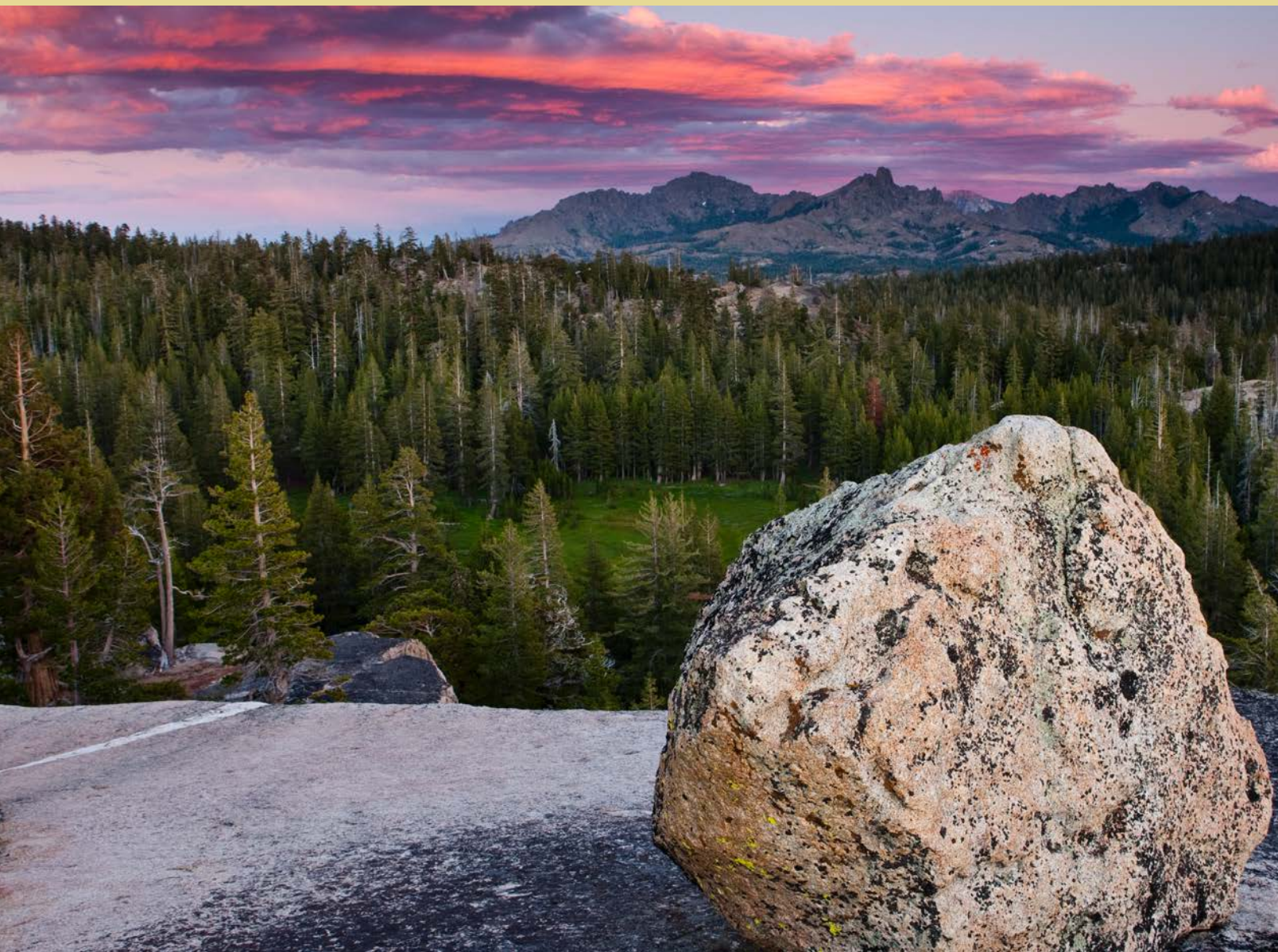


Sierra Nevada Alliance

Annual Report Fiscal Year 2017-2018



The Sierra Nevada Alliance's mission is to protect and restore Sierra Nevada lands, water and wildlife and to support the health, vibrancy and resilience of the region's rural and urban communities. We do this by strengthening the work of people and organizations committed to the environmental integrity of the Sierra, and by supporting individuals and groups on region-wide efforts consistent with our mission and core values.



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Jenny Hatch
Executive Director

Executive Director's Report

Dear Alliance Supporter!

It has been an amazing year at the Sierra Nevada Alliance! Actually, it's been an amazing 25 years.

That's right, 2018 marked our 25th Anniversary of protecting and restoring the Range of Light. Whether you've been with us for 25 years, five years or one month, we're glad you're a part of the Alliance family. Together, we've accomplished a lot over the last quarter-century.

Together with you this year, we have:

- ◆ Maintained a robust AmeriCorps program with more than 15,000 watershed acres restored, more than 1,250 sites monitored, more than 165,000 individuals educated, more than 35,000 volunteers recruited, and more than 500,000 hours of service contributed since 2007.
- ◆ Rebuilt our Member Groups to 40 over the last year with providing improved resources, trainings, and coordination among them.
- ◆ Hosted a memorable 25th Anniversary Conference with more than 130 local, regional and national thought-leaders coming together to discuss and plan "regional resiliency" for the Sierra.
- ◆ Marched forward with climate work, both by working with municipalities to pass 100% clean energy resolutions and hiring two Climate Fellows to expand and implement regional climate action plans and facilitate regional partnerships.

None of this would be possible without you. We are only as strong as our partners, Member Groups, individual supporters, and volunteers. We are proud of our hard work over the last 25 years and, we have our sights on much more over the next 25, including:

- ◆ Work on expanding and building off of our AmeriCorps program;
- ◆ Provide an even greater supply of talented staff to implement the tremendous amount of on-the-ground conservation work needed to create the resilient Sierra we desire;
- ◆ Work more diligently on providing greater capacity-building resources for our Member Groups;
- ◆ Represent our Member Groups in the advocacy arena; and
- ◆ Build out more regional frameworks for watershed, forest health, climate action and adaptive management planning for the region within the coming year.

Thank you for taking the time to read our 2017-2018 Annual Report and learn more about the work we do! We hope you will lock arms with us, so that our impact is even that much bigger in the years to come. As we all know, there is much still to be done to protect and restore the Sierra in order for it to be resilient to climate change, fire, development, and all that threatens it.

Jenny Hatch,
Executive Director, Sierra Nevada Alliance

Meet our Staff & Contractors

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Member Group Program- A United Voice for the Sierra



The Sierra Nevada Range is unparalleled in beauty and rich in environmental resources. Numerous environmental organizations and non-profits dedicate their work to the preservation and conservation of the region. For 25 years, Sierra Nevada Alliance's Member Group Program has supported nonprofits and charitable organizations, who are tackling the complex environmental problems of the region, by connecting them with resources, education, and opportunities to network and collaborate with one another. The Alliance also acts as a common voice for Member Groups by promoting bonds and measures that will support environmental work in the Sierra, and by representing member values and concerns at the State Capitol.

During the 2017- 2018 fiscal year Sierra Nevada Alliance made efforts to grow the Member Group Program and expand the benefits offered to members. In April 2018 Sierra Nevada Alliance hired Sara Monson as Education and Communication Director, whose responsibilities include managing and growing the Member Group Program. During this fiscal year, Sara helped build a new online Conservation Directory to be hosted on the Alliance's website. In addition, in May 2018 the Sierra Nevada Alliance began a monthly webinar series for members. The first webinar focused on major gift fundraising with development expert Clark Vanderverter. Sierra Nevada Alliance looks forward to continuing to adapt to the needs of Member Groups and offer unparalleled support to those who are working to keep the light in the range.

Near the end of the 2018 fiscal year much time went into the planning and execution of Sierra Nevada Alliance's 25th Anniversary conference, member meeting, and farm-to-table dinner.

Sierra Nevada Alliance's 25th anniversary conference took place on August 15th-17th, 2018. More than 130 local, regional and national thought-leaders came together to discuss, explore and create environmental, regional resiliency.

The event began on August 15th with an in-the-field restoration and enhancement activity at Prosser Creek in Truckee. Sierra Nevada Alliance and Sierra Nevada AmeriCorps Partnership members teamed up with Trout Unlimited, member groups, and community volunteers to help with the ongoing restoration of Prosser



Creek. More than 50 volunteers joined this year’s graduating AmeriCorps class and implemented 12 cubic yards of gravel into the creek bed. This gravel will be dispersed by annual flow cycles and provide critical trout spawning habitat that has deteriorated since the construction of the Prosser Creek Dam.

The following two days consisted of lectures and workshops. This portion of the conference began with a keynote address from author and environmental activist Richard Heinberg. On Thursday afternoon Sierra Nevada Alliance’s Annual Member Meeting took place. The meeting consisted of a presentation of member group benefits, and a discussion regarding potential areas for growth in the member group program. No new board members were elected during the meeting.

The conference concluded on Friday evening with the first-ever Farm-to-Table Dinner, in partnership with Squaw Valley Institute (SVI) , an Alliance Member Group. Held on the lakefront terrace of the North Tahoe Event Center in King’s Beach, renowned, local celebrity chefs Darren Weston, Wyatt Dufresne, and Glenn Simpson created a beautiful seven course meal paired with wine for more than 100 guests, raising awareness of the Alliance, and celebrating Sierra Nevada Alliance’s 25 years as an organization.



2018 member benefits include:

Receive a Discount on the Sierra Nevada AmeriCorps Partnership

- ◆ Member groups gain invaluable support by building their staff with an AmeriCorps member. The Sierra Nevada AmeriCorps Partnership (SNAP) works to assess and restore impaired watershed habitats and to increase community stewardship of Sierra Nevada watersheds through education and volunteerism. Each year, the Alliance coordinates the placement of 28 full time AmeriCorps members with conservation organizations throughout the Sierra. Member Groups pay a discounted rate to have AmeriCorps members placed with their organizations.

Gain Access to Funding and Fundraising Expertise

- ◆ Member Groups receive information and consultation regarding funding opportunities and development. The Alliance sends out notices of funding opportunities in the Sierra Resource and connects Member Groups with grant writing seminars, workshops, and consultants, such as fundraising expert Clark Vandeventer. Member Groups can also send their grant proposals, annual reports, and letters of inquiry to Alliance staff for consultation and review.
- ◆ Alliance offers a non-profit capacity building training as part of our annual conference.

Secure a Seat at the Table for Regional and Statewide Issues of Importance

- ◆ The Alliance participates in major meetings and advocates on behalf of the Sierra region – and looks to Member Groups to guide the positions that the Alliance adopts. As a member, you are polled on issues and consulted on shaping regional strategies.

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- ◆ Alliance looks for opportunities to band Member Groups together on regional and statewide efforts to protect and restore the land, water, and air of the Sierra Nevada. For example, our network played a leading role in establishing the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.
- ◆ Member Groups elect the Board of Directors through a democratic process that shapes Alliance actions and conservation efforts. The Alliance is always accountable to its members.

Receive Discounts to Alliance Events

- ◆ Member Groups receive discounts for their staff to attend the Sierra Nevada Alliance's events.
- ◆ Employees of Member Groups receive discounts to attend our Bi-Annual Conference. Additionally, Member Groups receive free tabling space at the event, and the opportunity to promote their organization at the conference during Member Group Presentations session.

Increase Visibility and Recognition for Your Group

- ◆ Member Groups may post Member Group alerts, job announcements, events, and achievements in Sierra Nevada Alliance's biweekly newsletter, social media platforms, and on the Alliance website.
- ◆ Member Groups can showcase their group's efforts through presentations at the Annual Members' Meeting and free tabling space, if applicable.
- ◆ Member groups receive free non-profit, communication, and fundraising consultation and tips on how to get coverage for their efforts from media savvy Alliance staff and board members.

Stay Abreast of Issues, Strategies and Expertise Important to the Sierra

- ◆ Member Groups receive a subscription to Sierra Nevada Alliance's electronic bi-monthly Sierra Resource E-Newsletter. With the latest articles on Sierra conservation news, events and notices – the Alliance stays up on issues and opportunities from around the state and nation that impact Member Group efforts.
- ◆ Member Groups gain free Sierra Nevada Alliance Reports, Directories and Toolkits such as: Planning for the Future and the Climate Change Toolkit.

Join a Unique, Synergistic Sierra-Wide Team

- ◆ Member groups can use the Alliance to send out action alerts and petitions to the entire Alliance network including more than 3,000 active individuals who share a passion for natural resources and rural communities.





- ◆ Member Groups may use the Alliance to create stronger campaigns. Whether it be writing a letter to a board or commission, signing on to a collective position letter, or testifying in support of your issue, the Alliance supports Member Groups' campaigns whenever possible. In addition, the Alliance will work to facilitate partnerships for greater efficiency, especially amongst like-minded conservation groups.
- ◆ Member Groups reap the benefit of our network's expertise. The Alliance is unique. No other organization deals with the entire region from a conservation focus. As a Member Group, you will never have to reinvent the wheel. You can simply send a question or request for help to the Alliance network. Many Member Groups have been organizing in the Sierra for decades, and in many cases have turned volunteer operations into staffed organizations. No one knows as well as an Alliance Member Group what it takes to organize around conservation issues in the region.

2018 Member Groups

- ❖ Alpine Watershed Group
- ❖ American Rivers
- ❖ American River Conservancy
- ❖ Bishop Piute Tribe
- ❖ California Invasive Plant Council
- ❖ California Oaks
- ❖ California Trout-Northern Sierra Program
- ❖ California Urban Streams Alliance
- ❖ California Watershed Network
- ❖ Center for Sierra Nevada Conservancy
- ❖ Defenders of Wildlife
- ❖ Eastern Sierra Land Trust
- ❖ Foothills Water Network
- ❖ Forest Issues Group
- ❖ Gold Country Fly Fishers
- ❖ Mammoth Lakes Recreation
- ❖ Mono Lake Committee
- ❖ Mountain Area Preservation
- ❖ North Fork American River Alliance
- ❖ Restore Hetch Hetchy
- ❖ River Wranglers
- ❖ Sequoia Riverlands Trust
- ❖ Sierra Club Mother Lode Chapter
- ❖ Sierra Club Placer Group
- ❖ Sierra Club Sierra Nevada Group
- ❖ Sierra Club Tahoe Area
- ❖ Sierra Club Yahi Group
- ❖ Sierra Foothills Audubon Society
- ❖ Sierra Streams Institute
- ❖ Sierra Watch
- ❖ Sierra Watershed Education Partnership
- ❖ Snowlands Network
- ❖ South Yuba River Citizens League
- ❖ Squaw Valley Institute
- ❖ Sugar Pine Foundation
- ❖ Tuolumne River Trust
- ❖ Tahoe Environmental Research Center
- ❖ Trout Unlimited Truckee
- ❖ Truckee Donner Land Trust
- ❖ Upper Merced River Watershed Council
- ❖ Washoe Meadows Community Foundation

SNAP Program

The Alliance's Sierra Nevada AmeriCorps Partnership (SNAP) completed its 11th year and launched its 12th year of this incredible program! The two SNAP Programs that ran during this fiscal year (2016-17 and 2017-18) consisted of fifty-seven members at eighteen nonprofits, environmental agencies and tribes in sixteen cities across the Sierra. Members served from Oroville to Visalia, from Tahoe to Bishop – restoring and assessing watersheds, educating Sierra residents and visitors, and building community stewardship through volunteer support. SNAP was also awarded its fifth three-year grant from California Volunteers, ensuring that SNAP members can continue serving the Sierra into 2021.

SNAP Member Highlight: Sam Sedillo, Sierra-Cascades Coordinator, Trout Unlimited, Truckee



Sam graduated from Colorado State University in 2014 with a BS in Natural Resources Management and Fishery Biology. He was impressed by the practical applications and solutions for managing fisheries and coldwater ecosystems. During his time in Colorado, Sam became a better student of fly fishing than of his actual coursework, as there were numerous rivers that held trout that were often unusually large and challenging to catch. The pull of fly fishing was strong, but Sam knew he would have to utilize his degree in ways other than just wetting a line.

After finishing his degree, fly fishing, and working with various agencies and nonprofits in Colorado, Sam accepted a position with Trout Unlimited in Truckee, CA. Trout Unlimited allowed Sam to restore coldwater species in the Sierra and to connect the unique and diverse angling crowd to conservation projects.

Sam served two terms with SNAP and was able to accomplish projects for Trout Unlimited that would not have been possible in just one term. Sam monitored trout in Truckee's tailwaters, based on stream flows in both their present and historically documented habitat. This work allowed fish to be more accurately represented when making appropriate recommendations for the tailwaters. Sam also orchestrated a large-scale restoration project which will directly benefit wild and native species habitat in a stretch of the Truckee River that was negatively impacted by the logging trade in the late 1800s. This endeavor provides excellent fish habitat and the opportunity for more restoration around the Truckee watershed, as the project has helped strengthen partnerships among local and state agencies in the region.



Program administered by CaliforniaVolunteers and sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

On top of the large projects that Sam sunk his teeth into over his two SNAP terms, he ran 5 youth camps, hosted numerous volunteer activities, gave dozens of presentations, tabled at events, and taught educational programs that strengthened Trout Unlimited's grass roots partnerships, enabling the community to connect with the conservation work that Trout Unlimited is pioneering in the Sierra. You can find Sam's blog posts, events, and information about the work made possible by SNAP on the Truckee River Trout Unlimited Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TruckeeTU/> and Instagram @truckeetroutunlimited.

Since 2007, 341 SNAP Members have

- ◆ Restored more than 16,800 watershed acres;
- ◆ Monitored more than 3,750 sites;
- ◆ Educated more than 195,000 individuals;
- ◆ Recruited more than 37,500 volunteers; and
- ◆ Contributed more than 550,000 hours of service.



Regional Climate Change Program

Engaging Regional Planning to Protect our Natural Environment

Following our achievements in South Lake Tahoe, Truckee, and Nevada City with the passing of community-wide 100% renewable electricity by 2030 and energy by 2050 resolutions, we began building and working with other communities to duplicate this effort. Specifically, this included, Mammoth, Reno, and the communities in the Carson Valley. These efforts are still under way.

In addition, we began to focus on providing technical assistance to the communities who have passed these resolutions to help them take the next step of implementation and action plan development. The City of South Lake Tahoe, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, and the California Tahoe Conservancy have partnered with the Alliance in hiring two full-time Civic Spark AmeriCorps Fellows beginning fall 2018. The Alliance is overseeing these Fellows to assess current data in Tahoe and Truckee, develop a climate action plan for the City, engage with the communities in achieving 100%, and facilitate regional coordination. The goal is to develop a framework and platform for expanding regional coordination across the Sierra.



Friends of the Sierra Nevada Alliance

The Alliance would like to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported our work in 2017-2018. Together, we have accomplished a lot on behalf of the Sierra.



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Join us in Sierra Conservation!

Did you know there are many ways to contribute to the Alliance? Whether you're interested in becoming an individual member, sponsoring an event or making a planned gift, we have a multitude of giving options that are flexible and convenient for everyone. Every dollar makes a difference and serves as the lifeblood of our organization. Your much-needed gifts sustain and support Sierra-wide conservation and restoration. Visit our website to learn more!

www.sierranevadaalliance.org/donate/

Celebrating 25 Years of Accomplishments

The following is a brief timeline of some key highlights of our 25 years:



1991	Tom Knudson's Pulitzer Prize winning series of articles entitled "Sierra in Peril" prompts statewide attention to the oft forgotten Sierra.
1992	First Board Meeting of the Sierra Nevada Alliance and the Alliance is incorporated in 1993 as a charitable organization.
1993	Laurel Ames is hired as the first Executive Director and 10-12 member groups join!
1994	First Annual Conference at Mammoth Lakes. Alliance conference grows over the years to over 200 participants and keynotes from renowned authors, state leaders, and national conservation directors.
1995	Engages public participation in the congressionally funded Sierra Nevada Ecosystem Project.
1996	Sierra Nevada Alliance receives first private foundation grant.
1997	Sierra Futures Fund begins and over next 5 years \$30,000 mini-grants are given to 25 groups.
1999	Alliance Co-Sponsored Range Rides with California Cattleman's Association and California Rangeland Trust and supports the West Point Renewal Project with Foothill Conservancy. Alliance releases first major publication, <i>Watershed Council Toolkit</i> .
2000	The Watershed Principles created by the Alliance and Regional Council of Rural Counties are adopted by the State. Sierra Nevada Alliance begins convening the first meetings of land trusts in the region that spawns the Sierra-Cascade Land Trust Council
2001	The first Watershed Director is hired. <i>The Sierra Land-Use Handbook</i> is released.
2002	Alliance completes 8 regional meetings in one year. Sierra Nevada Alliance joins Ski Area Citizens Coalition and releases First Ski Area Citizens Coalition Report Card in Sierra and California garnering statewide media attention. This goes on to become an Annual Event, garnering national attention and over 500 articles on ski area environmental performance over the years.
2003	Alliance produces and releases at news conferences throughout California <i>Troubled Waters of the Sierra</i> showcasing how all Sierra rivers are impaired and polluted and calling for increased state investment in watershed restoration and protection in the region. The Alliance established a new electronic alert system, issuing alerts to hundreds of individuals and groups on cutting edge conservation issues from our network of activists around the range. This continues through FY 12-13, providing over 200 alerts since it began.
2004	After three years of legislative effort, The Sierra Nevada Conservancy legislation passes thanks to Alliance, The Sierra Fund, Sierra Business Council, Sierra Cascade Land Trust and other allies! The Alliance receives award from The Sierra Fund for helping create the new Conservancy.
2005	Completes training of over 150 water quality monitors on 7 watersheds in the Sierra with the assistance of SYRCL. This goes on over the years, creating over 9 ongoing watershed monitoring programs throughout the Sierra. <i>First Sierra Climate Change Toolkit</i> released. Over the years three editions are released and over 2000 copies distributed. Publication recognized by state and United Nations as cutting edge resource on climate adaptation. Over 20 groups take the pledge to champion GHG reductions and climate change adaptation. Sierra Nevada Alliance releases report <i>Planning for the Future</i> , chronicling growth and development threatening our rural way of life and ecosystems. News conferences held throughout the State, with stories appearing in over 80 newspapers including: San Francisco Chronicle, LA Times, and Washington Post.
2006	Celebrates Mariposa General Plan adoption that helps save 37,000 acres of open space and includes model elements. The plan was helped to pass thanks to the teamwork of the Mariposans for the Environment and Responsible Government (MERG), the Alliance, Laurie Oberholtzer and Tom Infusino.
2006	<i>Releases State of Sierra Waters: A Sierra Nevada Watersheds Index</i> . Simultaneous press conferences were held in San Francisco, Sacramento and Reno and a total of fourteen television stations, seven radio stations, and sixteen newspapers carried the story (including a front-page, above-the-fold article in the Reno Gazette-Journal).



	<p>Alliance hosts first Sierra IRWM Conference in Sacramento, bringing together IRWM leaders for the first time. Alliance celebrates completion of first Clean Water Act 319h grant, in which we regranted funds to more than 25 watershed efforts in the Sierra, produced a restoration guide, and provided funding and guidance for community demonstration projects, which included tours for hundreds of Sierra residents.</p>
2007	<p>Alliance releases report at four news conferences called <i>Dangerous Development: Wildfire and Rural Sprawl in the Sierra Nevada</i>, which reviewed how wildfire and population growth are on a collision course and how current land-use policies fail at-risk communities. The story reaches a national audience through an NPR story and AP stories nationwide, in addition to ten local TV stories.</p> <p>Sierra Nevada AmeriCorps Partnership founded. SNAP members complete first year monitoring 389 sites, restoring over 4100 acres, educating 30,000 individuals, and recruiting over 3300 volunteers.</p>
2008	<p>Alliance watershed program launches new Sierra Nevada Yard and Garden project, beginning distribution of new Guide and training community homeowner consultation programs. This continues on throughout the years, creating demonstration gardens, home consultation programs, distributing over 2500 guides, and working with Truckee, providing over 180 unique workbooks for homeowners resulting in over 100 best practices being implemented.</p> <p>The Alliance releases new resource with the Local Government Commission called <i>Planning for Water-Wise Development in the Sierra</i> and then conducts six Land & Water policy forums throughout the region, as well as presentations to at the Calaveras Planning Summit, 2009 National River Rally in Baltimore, and the Sierra Business Council conference.</p> <p>The California Adaptation Strategy adopted principles for adaptation that were symbiotic with Alliance principles to ensure we protect natural resources while sustaining healthy communities.</p> <p>The Alliance also launched a new collaborative effort called the Sierra Water Work Group to champion Sierra water issues and coordinate among plans, agencies, and NGOs and share strategies and best practices for protecting Sierra waters. The SWWG continues to this day and now the Alliance hosts an annual Summit on integrated water management for local and state water agencies, conservation leaders, tribes, and attorneys.</p>
2009	<p><i>The Sierra Spokes</i> free sustainability e-newsletter was launched.</p> <p>The Regional Climate Change Program helps shapes a strong Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Climate Action Plan for the entire Sierra region, the first of its kind!</p> <p>The Alliance's leadership with our Sierra Climate Change Adaptation Principles inspired the California Adaptation Strategy to adopt similar principles for the entire state.</p>
2010	<p>The Sustainable Sierra Communities Program secured an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer and designed a new model sustainability project, EmPower El Dorado, that helped homeowners save money and protect their health, as well as saving energy and water. This project reached over 200 residents and provided consultations to 49 on ways to improve their home, producing lessons on how to replicate this effort in the Sierra.</p>
2011	<p>The Regional Climate Change Program founded the first Sierra Community Organizer Academy which 25 activists attended to learn effective campaigning. This becomes an Annual Sierra event and trains over 75 conservation leaders as of 2013.</p> <p>The Regional Climate Change Program also organized a Sierra Meadow Forum with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, sharing cutting-edge strategies to restore the meadow ecosystems of the region.</p>
2012	<p>Celebrates that through partnership with the Truckee River Watershed Council, our Truckee River Friendly Landscaping project had over 100 river-friendly practices implemented by homeowners, over 180 unique home workbooks provided to homeowners, and over 1800 Sierra Yard and Garden Guides distributed throughout Truckee.</p>
2013	<p>We celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Alliance with Bill McKibben as as the keynote speaker at our annual conference.</p>
2015	<p>SNAP Member Sara Kokkelenberg was named the Catherine Milton California AmeriCorps Member of the Year.</p>
2016	<p>We concluded the 10th year of the SNAP program.</p>
2017	<p>The Alliance organized and facilitated community grassroots coalitions that achieved 100% renewable energy resolutions from the cities of South Lake Tahoe, Nevada City, and Truckee.</p>
2018	<p>Received our fifth 3-year SNAP grant, supporting continuation of the program into 2021.</p>

Financial Report

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Balance Sheet

June 30, 2018

Assets

Cash	\$ 188,866
Accounts Receivable	\$ 96,233
Property and Equip.	\$ -
Restricted Cash.	\$ -
Prepaid Other	\$ 4,700
Total Assets	\$ 289,819

Liabilities and Net Assets

Accounts Payable	\$ 1,722
Accrued Payroll	\$ 26,553
Deferred Revenue	\$ 130,340
Total Liabilities	\$ 158,615

Temporarily Restricted	\$ 500
Net Assets - Unrestricted	\$ 130,704
Temporarily Restricted & Net Assets	\$ 131,204

Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$ 289,819

Financial Statement

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Support and Revenue

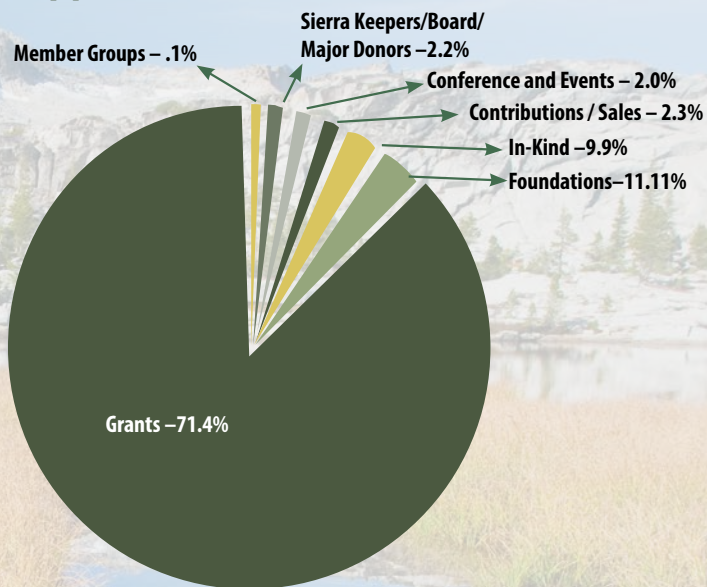
Sierra Keepers/Board/Major Donors	\$ 19,200
Conference and Events.	\$ 17,629
Contributions	\$ 17,286
Foundations.	\$ 98,003
Grants	\$ 628,435
In-Kind	\$ 87,315
Member Groups	\$ 9,110
Sales/Miscellaneous.	\$ 3,327
Total Revenue	\$ 800,305

Expenses

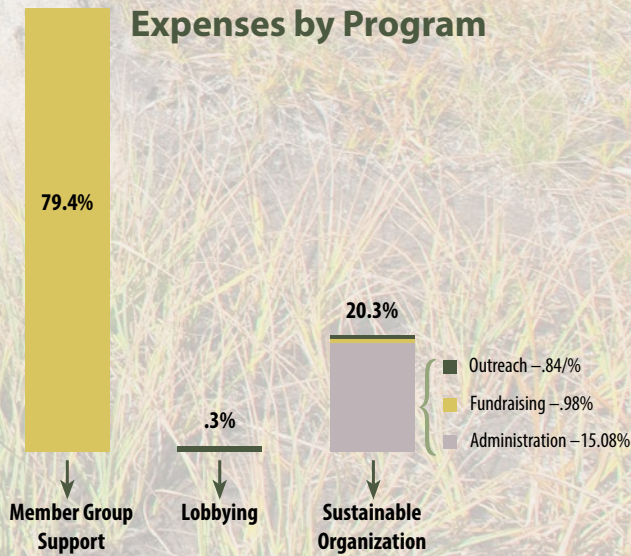
Personnel and Benefits.	\$ 215,898
Conference/Events and Facilities	\$ 8,926
Consultants & Sub Contractors.	\$ 51,961
In-Kind	\$ 87,315
Operating.	\$ 22,676
Sierra Nevada AmeriCorps Partnership.	\$ 483,680
Travel/Training	\$ 2,730

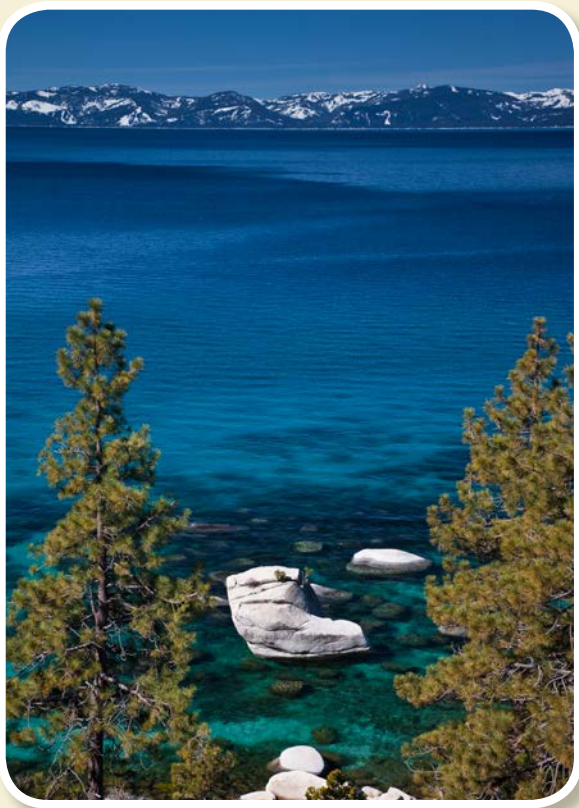
Total Expenses \$ 883,266

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