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# ABOUT THIS DIRECTORY

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

This directory deviates from other directories the Alliance has prepared in that it groups all types of conservation organizations (watershed, land use, wildlife, forestry, etc...) into one listing. For each group listed, the reader may find what issues the group works on, its mission, organizational description, and the group's current focus and recent accomplishments.

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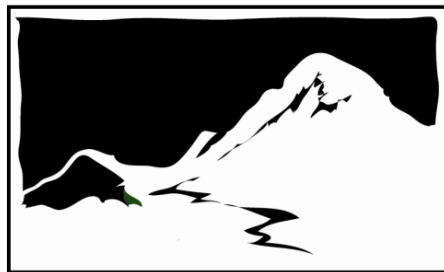
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# ABOUT THE SIERRA NEVADA ALLIANCE

The Sierra Nevada Alliance is an independent, grassroots, non-profit organization. Since 1993, the Sierra Nevada Alliance has been protecting and restoring Sierra land, water, wildlife, and communities. We are dedicated to protecting and restoring the Sierra Nevada region in the face of challenges brought on by poorly planned development, climate change, and watershed degradation. The Alliance's mission is to protect and restore the natural resources of the Sierra Nevada for future generations while promoting sustainable communities. We believe that local grassroots conservation groups are critical as on-the-ground agents creating positive change. Acting on this belief, we work to educate, connect, and mobilize conservation groups throughout the Sierra Nevada on regional efforts to create, share and enhance practical solutions to our conservation challenges. Today over 75 member groups from across the entire 400 mile mountain range belong to the Sierra Nevada Alliance.

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



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California Oaks \*  
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California Trout – Northern Sierra Program  
California Trout – Eastern Sierra Program \*  
California Urban Streams Alliance \*  
Center for River Restoration and Research  
Center for Sierra Nevada Conservation \*  
Community Action Project \*  
Defenders of Wildlife \*  
Eastern Sierra Land Trust (ESLT)  
Ebbetts Pass Forest Watch \*  
Echo Lakes Environment Fund  
Environmental Consumer \*  
FoCuS-Foothill Collaborative for Sustainability  
Foothill Conservancy \*  
Foothills Water Network \*  
Forest Issues Group \*  
Foresthill Residents for Responsible Growth  
Friends of Hope Valley \*  
Friends of Jesse Morrow Mountain \*  
Friends of Silver King Creek  
Friends of the Inyo  
Friends of the North Fork  
Friends of the West Shore  
Gold Country Fly Fishers  
High Sierra Rural Alliance \*  
June Lake Advocates  
Lake Tahoe Water Trail  
Local Water Stays Local  
Mariposans for the Environment and Responsible Government \*  
Mono Lake Committee \*  
Moonlight Valley Alliance \*  
Mountain Area Preservation Foundation \*  
Mountain Meadows Conservancy \*  
Nevada County Land Trust  
North Fork American River Alliance \*  
Pacific Rivers Council  
Placer Land Trust \*  
Planning and Conservation League \*  
Plumas Tomorrow \*

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San Joaquin Valley Leadership Forum \*  
Save Round Valley Alliance  
Save Van Norden Meadow  
Sequoia Forestkeeper \*  
Shasta Land Trust  
Sierra and Foothill Citizens Alliance \*  
Sierra Buttes/Lakes Basin Coalition  
Sierra Club – Maidu Group  
Sierra Club – Mother Lode Chapter \*  
Sierra Club – Placer Group \*  
Sierra Club – Range of Light Group \*  
Sierra Club – Sierra Nevada Group \*  
Sierra Club – Tahoe Area  
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Sierra Cycling Foundation \*  
Sierra Foothills Audubon Society \*  
Sierra Streams Institute (formerly Friends of Deer Creek) \*  
Sierra Watch \*  
South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL) \*  
Sugar Pine Foundation \*  
Sustainable Tahoe \*  
Tahoe Baikal Institute (TBI)  
Tahoe Institute for Natural Science \*  
The Sierra Fund \*  
Trout Unlimited \*  
Tulare County Citizens for Responsible Growth \*  
Upper Merced River Watershed Council \*  
Washoe Meadows Community Group \*  
Wildflowers Forever  
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# SIERRA CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS

## ALPINE WATERSHED GROUP

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**Sphere of Influence:** Alpine County  
**Sub-Region:** East  
**County:** Alpine  
**Watershed(s):** American, Carson, Mokelumne, Stanislaus, Upper Truckee

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

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

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Planning and assessment for watershed restoration projects (including the Markleeville Guard Station Restoration Project), consistent and reliable water quality monitoring of eight creek sites on a quarterly basis; annual Markleeville Creek Day event; support from a dedicated group of community volunteers.

## AMERICAN RIVER CONSERVANCY

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

**County:** El Dorado

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

**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.

**Organizational Description:** The American River Conservancy 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 lands within the American and Cosumnes River watersheds. Based in Coloma, California, in the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park, we have a wonderful natural history exhibit and conduct environmental education programs in area schools and on-site.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** American River Conservancy reached 11,457 acres protected within the American and Cosumnes River watersheds. One of ARC's most recent accomplishments is the completion of the 25-mile South Fork American River Trail, linking Folsom Lake State Recreation Area with Highway 49 near Coloma, California. ARC is currently working towards creating a public park and working farm at the 272-acre Gold Hill Wakamatsu Property near Coloma, CA. The property is the site of the first Japanese Colony in the United States, has a rich agricultural history and continues to be used as a cattle ranch.

## AMERICAN RIVERS – CALIFORNIA REGIONAL OFFICE

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sub-Region:** California  
**County:** Nevada  
**Watershed(s):** Yuba and other Sierra Nevada Watersheds

**Mission Statement:** American Rivers is the leading conservation organization standing up for healthy rivers so communities can thrive. American Rivers protects and restores America's rivers for the benefit of people, wildlife, and nature. Founded in 1973, American Rivers has more than 65,000 members and supporters, with offices in Washington, DC, California and nationwide.

**Organizational Description:** AR is a national non-profit organization based out of Washington, DC. The California Regional Field Office is American River's presence on the ground in this region and our work reflects the special challenges and opportunities of California's rivers and communities. In California we are spearheading some of the most innovative water supply solutions seen anywhere in the country. Whether it is restoring meadows in the Sierra, that provides water for 65% of Californians, removing barriers to salmon migration, or improving dam operations on the Yuba and Bear rivers, our staff is proving that it is possible to get communities the water they need while keeping our rivers healthy. We are also leading efforts to remove some of the state's outdated dams. Our skillful negotiations recently resulted in an agreement to remove four dams on the Klamath River – the biggest dam removal and river restoration project the world has ever seen. With global warming shrinking mountain snowpack and bringing more intense floods and droughts, our work to protect California's rivers and fresh water is more important than ever.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** The California Regional Office is spearheading innovative river restoration and water supply solutions in California's changing climate. Whether it is restoring meadows in the Sierra, removing barriers to salmon migration, or improving dam operations on the Yuba, Bear, Feather and Merced Rivers, our staff is proving that it is possible provide communities the water they need while keeping our rivers healthy. We are also leading efforts to remove some of the state's outdated dams. Our negotiations recently resulted in an agreement to remove four dams on the Klamath River – the biggest dam removal and river restoration project the world has ever seen. With global warming shrinking mountain snowpack and bringing more intense floods and droughts, our work to protect California's rivers and fresh water is more important than ever.

## BEAR RIVER WATERSHED GROUP

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

**County:** Nevada, Placer, Sutter, Yuba

**Watershed(s):** Bear River

**Organizational Description:** The Bear River Coordinated Resource Management and Planning (BRCRMP) Group was formed in 1998 to prepare a watershed assessment and resource management plan for the Bear River Watershed in Northern California. In 2001, the Bear River CRMP changed their name to the Bear River Watershed Group (BRWG).

The Bear River drains Nevada, Placer, Yuba, and Sutter Counties. The elevation extends from over 5,000 feet in the Sierra Nevada Mountains to less than 100 feet in the Sacramento Valley where it flows into the Feather River. The Bear River provides millions of people with a variety of beneficial uses, including hydropower, recreation, municipal, domestic, irrigation, and stock water. Extensive development is taking place within the watershed, especially in Placer County which is among the fastest-growing counties in California.

Surface water at 36 locations on the Bear River and its tributaries were monitored monthly for a variety of parameters during several years. The results indicate that surface water quality, in reference to the tested parameters, is generally good within the watershed. Of the parameters tested, only turbidity, mercury, and Escherichia coli (E. coli), a type of fecal coliform bacteria, were either intermittently or consistently greater than State or Federal water quality goals at some locations.

Issues of concern for the Bear River Watershed include water quality, related to mercury and E. coli; water quantity, due to increasing demand; restoration of aquatic and riparian habitats; and flood control in the Sacramento Valley. Increasing urbanization and changing land use are a chief concern. This group meets monthly with the joint Yuba-Bear Watershed Council.

## BUTTE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

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

**Mission Statement:** It is the mission of Butte Environmental Council (BEC) to protect the land, air and water in the northern California region through advocacy, environmental education and information and referral services.

**Organizational Description:** Founded in 1975, BEC is a California Nonprofit public benefit corporation.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** BEC has been on the forefront of protecting our region's groundwater & wetlands. BEC continues work on our Wellness Foundation grant that provides education and outreach on toxics in our area. Perform annual events: Endangered Species Faire and Parks & Creeks Cleanup.

## CALAVERAS HEALTHY IMPACT PRODUCTS SOLUTIONS (CHIPS)

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Central Sierra Foothills  
**Sub-Region:** Blue Mountain Communities –  
 Wilseyville, West Point, Glencoe, Railroad Flat  
**County:** Calaveras  
**Watershed(s):** Mokolumne

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

**Organizational Description:** The CHIPS project is a best-case example of the —New Forest Economy,|| where ecological, economic and social issues are blended into a successful outcome for the environment, local communities and the local economy.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Fire safe work for seniors, private contracts on ranches, native American cultural site restoration, BLM-USFS partnership, watershed stewardship

## CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY – ALTA PEAK CHAPTER

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Tulare County  
**Watershed(s):** Kaweah, White, Tule Rivers

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

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

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Chapter representatives are currently working with, collaborating with, others in the area to comment on, modify, influence those responsible for drafting an updated General Plan for the County, and a management plan for the Giant Sequoia National Monument. Spring and summer field trips focus on seasonal changes in high elevation mountain meadows and the variability among the different sites and situations. The annual Native Plant Sale in October offers material for gardens, distributes information about the plants, and incidentally provides financial support for the Chapter's other activities. Irregularly scheduled programs during the year bring speakers to the area, to share experiences with flora both close to and far from "home".

## CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY - EL DORADO CHAPTER

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Mission Statement:** The California Native Plant Society (CNPS) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the understanding and appreciation of California's native plants and how to conserve them and their natural habitats through education, science, advocacy, horticulture, and land stewardship.

**Organizational Description:** CNPS is largely run by volunteers. Our nearly 10,000 members work to promote native plant appreciation, research, and conservation through 33 chapters located throughout California. CNPS promotes sound plant science as the backbone of effective protection for California's native flora. The El Dorado Chapter works with decision-makers, scientists, and local planners to advocate for well-informed and environmentally positive policies, regulations, and land management practices.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** The El Dorado chapter has been working on securing increased protection for the rare plants of the Pine Hill area and oak woodlands. Recent successes include securing an important court ruling that compels El Dorado County to address deficiencies in their rare plant mitigation fee program. We are also working with other conservation groups to improve the poorly crafted oak woodland plan adopted by El Dorado County. Other conservation activities include support and participation in the local weed management area and public involvement in various development projects. We hold native plant sales twice each year and host more than 15 plant walks each to reach out to the community and to provide opportunities to learn about California's native plants and flora.

## CALIFORNIA OAKS

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

**Mission Statement:** Protect and perpetuate native oak woodlands and their habitats and watersheds.

**Organizational Description:** Merged with California Wildlife Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, CWF/California Oaks is committed to preserving the state's oak forest ecosystem and its rural landscapes..

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** CWF/California Oaks continues to build partnerships, enable community leaders, educate children and adults, and garner financial support in order to conserve oak woodlands in the face of the ever-increasing pressures of urbanization.

## CALIFORNIA TROUT: EASTERN SIERRA PROGRAM

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** freshwater resources, watershed management, fisheries, Integrated Regional Water Management  
**Sub-Region:** Eastern California from south of Alpine County down through mostly the eastern portions of the South Sierra  
**County:** Inyo, Mono, Kern, Tulare  
**Watershed(s):** Walker, Mono, Owens, Golden Trout Wilderness/Death Valley

**Mission Statement:** To Protect and Restore Wild Trout, Steelhead Salmon and Their Waters Throughout California

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

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** The main goal of the Eastern Sierra Program is to ensure the long-term supply and quality of water resources and relevant ecosystems supporting flora, fauna and community needs in the region. To achieve this goal, there are many ongoing projects. However four focal projects include the following:

- Inyo-Mono IRWMP: Engaging a broad and extensive array of stakeholders throughout eastern California to develop and implement the Inyo-Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Plan ultimately contributing to the sustained management of critical water resources in the region.
- State Water Plan 2013-Public Advisory Committee: ensuring rural mountain communities and fishery needs are adequately addressed in state-wide water planning efforts.
- Mono-Basin: Working collaboratively with partner agency and organizations, helping to restore and improve the aquatic and riparian resources of the Mono Basin.
- Mammoth Creek: Working with relevant agencies to complete a satisfactory EIR document that will ultimately ensure a healthy and lasting fishery in the Mammoth Lakes Basin.
- Golden Trout Wilderness: Partnering with USFS, DFG, Trout Unlimited and local fly clubs to restore the watersheds supporting California's Golden Trout populations.

## CALIFORNIA URBAN STREAMS ALLIANCE –THE STREAM TEAM

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Northern California  
**Sub-Region:** Sacramento Valley  
**County:** Butte (and sometimes others)  
**Watershed(s):** Sacramento River Watershed, and its tributaries

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

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

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

## CALIFORNIA WATERSHED NETWORK

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** California  
**Sub-Region:** Statewide  
**Watershed(s):** Statewide or National Organization

**Mission Statement:** To help people protect and restore the natural environments of California watersheds while ensuring healthy and sustainable communities.

**Organizational Description:** California Watershed Network (CWN) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed in 2000, with the mission to help people protect and restore the natural environments of California’s watersheds while ensuring healthy and sustainable communities. CWN works to develop a coordinated network of community-based watershed management groups in California. CWN is run by a dedicated, volunteer Board of Directors. The primary goals of CWN include working to:

- enhance involvement in watershed management at the local, regional and State levels;
- improve the effectiveness of watershed groups by collaborative communications, shared learning, and improved public policy;
- enhance coordination between government agencies, public stakeholders and local watershed groups in developing watershed initiatives and programs at the State level;
- promote the use of science for water and watershed management; and
- promote conservation education.

CWN’s volunteer Board of Directors has been working hard for local watershed groups and enhancing watershed stewardship activities in California.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Since mid-2010, CWN has been coordinating with numerous organizations to protect volunteers, protect non-profits, and protect watershed restoration work by community volunteers. Assembly members Richard Gordon (D – Los Altos) and Warren Furutani (D – Long Beach) have co-authored AB 587, while Senator Loni Hancock (D-Berkeley) has authored the matching SB 644 in the State Senate. These bills will continue the ability of California’s residents to volunteer in beach and river clean-ups, trail work, and the like. Should a bill not be enacted during 2011, community groups with outdoor projects that have even partial state funding will be required to pay all volunteers the “prevailing wage” for their donated time starting in 2012!

The Community support for funding of projects that were enabled through Propositions 40, 50 and more recently Prop 84 has been notable for the extent of volunteer assistance. Without the community partnerships that supported the propositions and demonstrated community interest in the volunteer opportunities, those propositions might not have been passed by the voters. The thousands of paying jobs that were created through the propositions would have never been funded, and the strong volunteer community assistance that the funded projects made possible would never have happened.

While the bills do include another “sunset clause” of five years, negotiations continue on this obligation to return to the Legislature in 2016 to again battle the unfortunate legal interpretation by the Department of Industrial Relations that impacts innumerable efforts in many locales and over a broad array of volunteer work.

## CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Carson River Watershed  
**Sub-Region:** East  
**County:** Alpine, Douglas, Carson City, Lyon, Churchill, and Storey.  
**Watershed(s):** Carson

**Mission Statement:** The Carson Water Subconservancy District, or 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.

**Organizational Description:** Our 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 existing governmental frameworks 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 & Recent Accomplishments:** Regional approach to watershed management.

## CENTER FOR SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVATION

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** El Dorado National Forest, El Dorado County land use  
**County:** El Dorado  
**Watershed(s):** American

**Mission Statement:** The Center for Sierra Nevada Conservation is a grassroots environmental organization dedicated to the protection of ecosystem values and the long-term sustainability of our natural resources for future generations.

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

We work with other interested parties on stakeholder groups, make official comments on environmental impact reports and when all else fails, file lawsuits to ensure that environmental laws are not violated in the interest of runaway development or consumptive use of our public lands.

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. We get most of our funds from our members, and have also benefited by grants from such organizations as the Further Foundation, Natural Trails and Waters Coalition, Patagonia, Rose Foundation, Tides Foundation, and Weeden Foundation.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Our focus remains on ORV management on public lands. We have been actively engaged in the Eldorado NF Travel Management Plan, including appealing it and are now engaged in litigation. In El Dorado County, we are working for the preservation of sensitive plant sites and oak woodlands, seeking to ensure compliance with the county General Plan.

## CENTRAL SIERRA ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE CENTER

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** 2,000,000 acres in Northern Yosemite region  
**Sub-Region:** South Central Sierra Nevada  
**County:** Tuolumne, Calaveras, others  
**Watershed(s):** Tuolumne, Stanislaus rivers

**Mission Statement:** CSERC works to protect water, wildlife, and wild places across the Northern Yosemite region.

**Organizational Description:** CSERC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** CSERC uses fieldwork, monitoring, testimony, educational outreach, advocacy, scientific research, media outreach, and technical support for local grassroots groups to respond to clearcuts, development projects, land management policies, water issues, and a wide range of other threats to the Northern Yosemite region.

## CLOVER VALLEY FOUNDATION

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Clover Valley  
**Sub-Region:** City of Rocklin  
**County:** Placer  
**Watershed(s):** American Basin/Dry Creek (Clover Valley Creek)

**Mission Statement:**  
 Protect pristine Clover Valley from unnecessary development and preserve in perpetuity its 620 acres of diverse ecological and cultural resources.

**Organizational Description:**  
 Clover Valley Foundation is a grassroots organization, established for the purpose of saving Clover Valley from a devastating proposed development.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:**  
 Current focus is on forming a coalition of buyers to purchase Clover Valley and take it out of harm's way.

## COMMUNITY ACTION PROJECT

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** land use, conservation  
**Sub-Region:** South Central Sierra  
**County:** Calaveras  
**Watershed(s):** Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Calaveras

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

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

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** CAP and the Calaveras Planning Coalition extensively comment on all aspects of the Calaveras County General Plan. CAP testified and supported Planning Coalition member group the Foothill Conservancy against raising the level of the Pardee Reservoir on the Tuolumne River. Along with other groups, CAP successfully argued for the inclusion of an agricultural and housing element in the county general plan.

## DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE

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

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

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

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** From global warming to habitat destruction, disease and invasive species, our nation’s wildlife is under threat. Defenders is on the forefront of these issues, providing expertise to lawmakers and wildlife managers on ways to ensure our nation’s wildlife survive and thrive. Defenders also promotes progressive land-use strategies on federal state and private lands that safeguard key habitats such as wetlands, deserts, forests and grasslands from development and degradation.

An assortment of our recent accomplishments and activities:

Defenders led the charge to defeat the “extinction rider” – an ill-conceived provision of the federal Interior appropriations bill that would have increased the risk of extinction for imperiled species by blocking protections for adding new species under the Endangered Species Act.

Defenders organized the California Rangeland Coalition’s 6th Annual Summit. A record number of 340 participants—including ranchers, academics, staff from government agencies and representatives of environmental organizations—learned about opportunities for rangeland conservation in the Central Valley of California.

Defenders is leading a coalition working to ensure that renewable energy is developed so as to protect wildlife and habitat. We are preparing extensive comments on the Bureau of Land Management’s Solar Energy Development Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement regarding NEPA adequacy, water resources and wildlife impacts, climate change and mitigation issues, and proposed solar energy zones in six western states. We have also had meetings at the highest levels of the Interior Department to help shape their renewable energy program.

Defenders’ Friends of the Lower Calaveras River Project completed an entire year of our “Riverwalk” program, reaching out to hundreds of families throughout San Joaquin County and educating them about wildlife and watershed management on the Calaveras River. During these walks and through our other outreach work, Defenders distributed approximately 1,500 copies of our “Animals of the Calaveras River” guides.

## EASTERN SIERRA AUDUBON SOCIETY

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**County:** Inyo, Mono

**Watershed(s):** Owens River, Walker River,

Amargosa River

**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.

**Organizational Description:** The Eastern Sierra Audubon Society is a recognized chapter of the National Audubon Society. It is an entirely volunteer organization. There is a Board of Directors and committee chairs.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** ESAS presents monthly public education programs and field trips. In concert with other stakeholders, we initiated a process to establish a conservation plan for the habitat and avian resources of Owens Lake. The first draft of the plan is due in the fall of 2011. We co-sponsored a program called Wild at Home with the Eastern Sierra Land Trust which focused on wildlife friendly landscaping and gardening. We are 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.

## EBBETTS PASS FOREST WATCH

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

**Sub-Region:** South Central Sierra

**County:** Calaveras

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

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

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

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** EPFW is working closely with the Sierra Club's Stop Clearcutting in California in building momentum against clearcutting by Sierra Pacific Industries. A major focus is on changing state law and forestry regulations. Opposed a bill that would have Timber Harvest Plans approved for 10 years instead of the current three. Provided local information on the influence of clearcutting on global warming to the Center for Biological Diversity in their litigation against clearcutting. Supported the inclusion of an Agricultural Element in Calaveras County's General Plan. Commented on proposed Forestry Protocols.

## EL DORADO COUNTY AND GEORGETOWN DIVIDE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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**Sphere of Influence:** El Dorado County & Georgetown Divide  
**Sub-Region:** Central  
**County:** El Dorado  
**Watershed(s):** South & Middle Fork American & Cosumnes

**Mission Statement:** To promote the responsible stewardship of our natural resources within our boundaries.

**Organizational Description:** Resource Conservation Districts are grassroots government organizations that 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 & Recent Accomplishments:** 1) Community Wildfire Protection; 2) Conditional Waiver for Irrigated Lands Program; 3) Fish Friendly Farming Certification Program; 4) Livestock & Land Program Development; 5) Regional Fire and Resource Assessment Model; 6) South Fork American River Stewardship Strategy; 7) CABY IRWMP & South Fork American River Watershed Management Plan Collaboration; 8) Storm Water and Pollution Prevention; 9) Conservation Planning and Technical Assistance on Private Lands; 9) Watershed Restoration and Education.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CONSUMER

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

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

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

#### Current Focus:

- Continue organizational planning, the incorporation process, and board development
- Expand and refine existing resources
- Develop consumer guides to reduce impact
- Develop databases of environmental information and consumer resources

#### Recent Accomplishments:

- Launched database of recycling information for the United States that will cover Sierra cities and towns not covered by existing resources
- Launched slideshows addressing plastics pervasive role in our lives
- Launched tool for sending letters to companies to tell them you didn't buy a product.

## ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND

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

**Sub-Region:** SF Bay, Central Valley, Sierra

**Mission Statement:** Environmental Defense Fund links science, economics and law to create innovative, equitable and cost-effective solutions to society's most urgent environmental problems.

**Organizational Description:** EDF is a leading national nonprofit organization representing more than 700,000 members. Our California offices are located in San Francisco and Sacramento and focus on statewide climate change policy as well as land, water, and wildlife conservation issues.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** EDF's Center for Conservation Incentives works with private landowners to enhance management practices on working farms, range lands, and forests that provide both environmental benefits and economic rewards. For example, CCI has helped:

- Restore critical habitat with wine grape growers in Lodi;
- Reduce carbon emissions on rice farms in Yolo County, and
- Augment ecosystem services and forest health in Sierra forests.

## FOOTHILL CONSERVANCY

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**Sphere of Influence:** Central Sierra  
**County:** Amador and Calaveras  
**Watershed(s):** Mokelumne, Calaveras, Cosumnes, N. Fork Stanislaus

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

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

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** *Focus:* Conservation and restoration of the Upper Mokelumne River and watershed. Securing National Wild and Scenic River designation for 37 miles of the Mokelumne River. Ensuring general plan updates in Amador and Calaveras counties focus on town-centered, sustainable development. Watershed and meadow restoration; collaborative landscape-level forest restoration with focus on social and economic as well as ecological sustainability. *Recent accomplishments:* Won a major CEQA lawsuit against the East Bay Municipal Utility District stopping the expansion of Pardee Reservoir on the Mokelumne River. Secured a settlement with PG&E to ensure temperature and water balance modeling will be conducted on the Mokelumne before a FERC license proceeding begins for PG&E’s proposed pumped storage project. Cosponsored annual Mokelumne River Cleanup.

## FOOTHILLS WATER NETWORK

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Yuba, Bear, American watersheds  
**County:** El Dorado, Placer, Nevada, Yuba  
**Watershed(s):** Yuba, Bear, American

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

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

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Currently, we are coordinating our coalition of members to negotiate draft license conditions for the Middle Fork American, begin the Yuba County Water Agency relicensing, and review and analyze study results for the Yuba-Bear and Drum-Spaulding relicensings on the Yuba and Bear Rivers.

## FOREST ISSUES GROUP

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

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

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

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** FIG is working with Sierra Forest Legacy (SFL) to support the 2001 Sierra Framework decision until a final lawsuit ruling is issued on its challenge to the 2004 Amendment. We have prepared extensive comments on Sierraville District projects that attempt to implement the Quincy Library Group pilot project under the 2004 rules without proper analysis of the cumulative impacts of those projects. FIG has submitted extensive comments on the DEIS for Motorized Travel Management in the Tahoe National Forest. The project will eliminate unauthorized cross-country OHV routes, but we contend that the Forest Service must analyze its existing system routes to create a minimum travel system before approving any new designated routes that could impact wildlife corridors, California spotted owl and Northern goshawk PACs, roadless areas, wild and scenic rivers, and sensitive riparian areas and meadows. FIG continues to spotlight the cumulative impacts of intensive timber harvest plans on corporate lands adjacent to the national forest. It is especially destructive when the Forest Service itself proposes smaller clearcuts on lands adjacent to corporate lands in proposed wilderness and wild and scenic river corridors such as with the Montez project. The Forest Service withdrew the Montez project this summer in part due to public pressure from various environmental groups including FIG.

## FRIENDS OF HOPE VALLEY

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Markleeville, Hope Valley, east side of Alpine county  
**County:** Alpine  
**Watershed(s):** Carson and Walker

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

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

## FRIENDS OF JESSE MORROW MOUNTAIN, INC

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** San Joaquin Valley and Sierra Foothills  
**County:** Fresno  
**Watershed(s):** Eastern Foothills

**Mission Statement:** We are dedicated to preventing the mining of Jesse Morrow Mt. and protecting the cultural, historical, and biological, water and visual significance of this gateway to the National Parks and Monuments.

**Organizational Description:** Opposition to the mining is broad based. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation made up of concerned citizens: professionals, farmers, ranchers, land owners, retailers, conservationists, environmentalists, native Americans and many others.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Our focus is to bring awareness to the extreme detrimental effects this mine would have on valley air quality, visual, traffic and native American culture. Fundraising for the legal battle ahead if the planning commission decides to allow Cemex to mine this mountain.

## FRIENDS OF SQUAW CREEK

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**Sub-Region:** Central  
**County:** Placer  
**Watershed:** Squaw Creek

**Mission Statement:** The Friends of Squaw Creek (FoSC) seek to provide a forum for facilitating and coordinating efforts to promote a naturally sustainable environment for the Squaw Creek Watershed through education, communication, science, and community involvement

**Organizational Description:** We work to balance the economic interests of the community and the environmental concerns, with the goal of maintaining sustainable growth while continuing to protect and enhance the mountain community environment.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** FoSC has received grants from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, Placer County, and both the State and Lahontan Water Boards to plan and implement creek restoration. FoSC became a 501(c)(3) in 2011.

## HIGH SIERRA RURAL ALLIANCE

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

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

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

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

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:**

Successfully protecting the public’s right to participate in local land use decisions. HSRA challenged Sierra County’s practice of overlapping notices for the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors hearings. The challenge resulted in a published opinion by the California Appeals Court and sets a much needed precedent for the State.

Aiding the residents of the City of Loyalton to successfully derail a plan to expand the City into neighboring ranches according to a developer’s grand vision. The effort also revitalized active citizen participation on the City Council.

Compelling the Plumas County Board of Supervisors to commit to updating the County’s General Plan. We identified the inadequacy of the General Plan as the fundamental threat to open space and environmental values in Plumas County. Our consistent and persuasive testimony concerning the legal inadequacy of the existing General Plan effectively established a de-facto moratorium on development projects in Open Space in Plumas County. No new development projects which impact open space have been approved since 2006 due to our efforts. The County realized development could not proceed without a legally adequate and consistent General Plan. At the beginning of 2009 the County contracted with a team which includes one of our partners, the Sierra Business Council, to update the General Plan. Our efforts also scuttled an attempt by the County to update the Plan without public participation.

Protecting over 7000 acres of environmentally sensitive land within the checkerboard of public and private holdings in the Tahoe National Forest. After we filed a court challenge to the approval of Sierra Pacific Industries rezone project, the company declined to defend the project and requested the approval be rescinded. Indirectly, our effort also helped protect over 40,000 acres throughout the Sierra Nevada from being rezoned from a zone which protects California forests to a zone which encourages development by SPI. Those same acres were recently put under a conservation easement.

Compelling Sierra County to update its Zoning Code to be consistent with its General Plan. The

County's General Plan was adopted in 1996 but never implemented through an update of its Zoning Code. The Zoning Code in use was largely from 1973. As part of a settlement agreement to a legal challenge of a newly adopted Stream Setback Ordinance which was not consistent with the General Plan, the County agreed to overhaul the whole Zoning Code.

Our current focus is to make sure the update of the Zoning Code is consistent with the policies of the General Plan.

## LAKE TAHOE BICYCLE COALITION

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Lake Tahoe/Reno/Carson  
**Sub-Region:** Tahoe  
**Counties:** El Dorado/ Placer/ Douglas/ Washoe/ Nevada  
**Watershed(s):** Truckee River

**Mission Statement:** The Coalition's mission is to promote livable and sustainable communities by encouraging more connected bicycle/pedestrian-friendly facilities and promoting educational programs in which residents and visitors can safely and conveniently ride and walk on a more frequent basis.

**Organizational Description:** The Lake Tahoe Bicycle Coalition (LTBC) is a 501 c 3 tax exempted corporation founded in 2005 for the purpose of building a bicycle friendly region and world-class cycling destination for residents and visitors alike. Bicycling is an environmentally responsible activity and can contribute to the long-term health and well being of people, economies and eco-systems

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** In 2010, the LTBC served as a technical advisor to the City of South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County DOT, Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization and Tahoe Regional Planning Agency in helping these agencies draft bicycle/pedestrian master plans. For 2011/2012 the Coalition will be updating and printing the third edition of the Lake Tahoe Bike Trail Map. Additionally, bicycle safety education for youth is a high priority for the Coalition and steps are being taken to collaborate with youth-centric agencies for the purpose of developing and administering educational programs in the schools. The Tahoe Bike Challenge: Work, School, Play dates have been moved to June 4-15, with June 2 as Tahoe Bike and Trail Day Parade and Festival, and June is Tahoe Bike Month.

## LASSEN FOOTHILLS PROJECT, THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

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**Mission Statement:** Protection of biodiversity.

**Organizational Description:** We are a project of the largest conservation organization in the world. Our project team works in eastern Tehama and Shasta County in the watersheds of Deer, Mill, Antelope and Battle Creeks. Our conservation targets include spring-run Chinook Salmon, vernal pools and blue oak woodlands.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** We have purchased over 80,000 acres of conservation easements on cattle ranches in this region. We have also purchased water rights for salmon in Mill Creek and are involved in the management of vernal pool grasslands, grass-fed beef, and prescribed fire.

## LASSEN LAND AND TRAILS TRUST

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Northeastern California  
**County:** Lassen and Modoc  
**Watershed(s):** Pit River, Pine Creek/Eagle Lake, Susan River/Honey Lake, Long Valley

**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 County.

**Organizational Description:** 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 & Recent Accomplishments:** Our focus is on instilling in residents the importance of their role as stewards of our 'home' to ensure the future vitality of the region and to providing visitors with an experience that conveys the region's uniqueness in a positive and compelling way. To that end, the Trust is developing an interpretive trail at its Lassen Creek Conservation Area. The area is used as an outdoor classroom for environmental studies and will provide a valuable educational resource in the region. The Trust continues to steward 2,500 acres in fee title lands and 1,049 acres under easement. In addition, the Trust is developing the 85-mile Modoc Rail Trail from Wendel to Alturas, California, and, in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management, offers interpretation and visitor services for the 26-mile Bizz Johnson National Recreational Trail. Education and Community programs include a summer Nature Camp and an in-school curriculum in partnership with the county's Office of Education; Discover Lassen County, a series of experiences in the discovery of place; the Susan River Clean Up in partnership with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and the regional Farmers' Market.

# MARIPOSANS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT

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**Sphere of Influence:** Foothills  
**County:** Mariposa  
**Watershed(s):** Merced River, Chowchilla,  
 Lower Mariposa Stream Group

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

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

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Our current focus is on maintaining the integrity of the County's recently adopted general plan. Development interests are endeavoring to circumvent it and we are vitally concerned with land use issues. In September 2009 we reached a very favorable Settlement Agreement with the National Park Service that is the culmination of nine years of litigation to protect Yosemite Valley and the Merced Wild and Scenic River. We are working closely with the Park on implementation of the Settlement Agreement.

## MONO LAKE COMMITTEE

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Mono Basin, Eastern Sierra, Los Angeles, Calif. water  
**Sub-Region:**  
**County:** Mono  
**Watershed(s):** Mono Basin / Mono Lake

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

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

Today, to make sure the right thing happens for Mono Lake, the Committee works in diverse arenas including public policy, ecological restoration, public education, water conservation, scientific research, and hands-on stewardship. We are an optimistic community of people who strive for thoughtful solutions to problems, an approach that has been consistently successful for Mono Lake. With a base in science, we seek out principled solutions to Mono Lake problems and advocate for them strongly.

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

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

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Our Annual Report, available on our website at www.monolake.org, provides an in-depth review of our program accomplishments each year. The greatest measure of our work together for Mono Lake is illustrated here on the eastern escarpment of the Sierra: the rising blue waters of Mono Lake, the rejuvenated streams, the phalaropes skimming over lakeshore tufa, the Los Angeles youth learning why water conservation matters, the scientists studying the issues that will be our future work.

## MOONLIGHT VALLEY ALLIANCE

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sub-Region:** North Arm or Indian Valley and watershed above  
**County:** Plumas  
**Watershed(s):** Lights Creek, a contributing headwater source of the East Branch of the North Fork or the Feather River

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

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

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

## MOUNTAIN AREA PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Truckee, CA, Donner Summit to NV state line.  
**Sub-Region:** Central  
**County:** Nevada, Placer  
**Watershed(s):** Truckee River primarily

**Mission Statement:** The Mountain Area Preservation Foundation’s mission is to create an enduring community in balance with nature in creative and innovative ways. We work to preserve the community character and natural landscapes of the greater Truckee region by advocating for smart land use decisions and the protection of open space.

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

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Martis Valley - The Martis Valley, with its meadow and wetland tributaries that feed the Truckee River was once threatened by extensive development proposals. MAPF and our allies capped development in much of the Valley, but portions are still at risk for commercial and residential development. This past year another 122 acres in the Valley were preserved with the help of MAPF and we will continue our efforts to complete a conservation vision for the Valley.

Donner Summit- MAPF has participated in and continues to support collaborative efforts to implement an economic and conservation vision for Donner Summit that respects its rugged, rural character and awe-inspiring landscape.

Preserving Open Space in Eastern Truckee- MAPF is working to halt or mitigate a proposed 185-unit development project that would be located in the middle of the migratory corridor for the mule deer that fawn at Waddle Ranch. This herd’s numbers are rapidly declining due to loss of habitat.

Community Design and You- MAPF led a series of neighborhood meetings that provided information on current and proposed development projects and how we can preserve our community’s character, improve pedestrian and bike access, improve community health, quality of life and protect open space by applying smart growth principals to local land use decisions.

## MOUNTAIN MEADOWS CONSERVANCY

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Mission Statement:** To conserve, protect, and enhance the natural beauty of Mountain Meadows watershed, to protect its significant Mountain Maidu burial and cultural sites, and to provide recreation and public access for generations to come.

**Organizational Description:** Protect the Mountain Meadows Watershed located at the top of the North Fork Feather River in Lassen County.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Stopped largest plan development in the Sierra in the last 10 years. Working on mill site restoration of the largest lumber mill in the world from 1915 to 1950. Working with Lands Stewardship Council to protect PG&E lands in Mountain Meadows.

## NEVADA COUNTY LOCAL FOOD COALITION

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Mission Statement:** Working together to support local farmers, preserve local farms and farmland, and ensure a local food supply in the western Nevada County area of California

**Organizational Description:** The Local Food Coalition is not an organization per se. Instead it is an informal network of agricultural organizations and agencies, farmers and ranchers, community non-profits, businesses, and individuals. The purpose is to facilitate communication and collaboration among all the sectors of our community that care about local agriculture and local food production.

## NEVADA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Nevada County and western  
Sierra County  
**Sub-Region:** CABY  
**Watershed(s):** Bear and Yuba

**Mission Statement:** Our mission is to promote responsible resource management within our jurisdiction through education, leadership, technical and financial assistance, and project facilitation.

**Vision Statement:** Our vision is to educate and assist landowners and land managers to establish a balance between a high quality rural environment, a biologically diverse landscape, and a healthy economy for the community.

**Organizational Description:** Special District

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Education and technical assistance to landowners. Coordinate over 50 seminars annually with every kind of watershed topics imaginable. Promote good land stewardship practices to protect water quality, reduce soil erosion, enhance wildlife and plants in a sustainable manner while including the human interaction factor.

## NEVADA TAHOE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Lake Tahoe Basin, NV  
**County:** Washoe and Douglas  
**Watershed(s):** Lake Tahoe Basin

**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.

**Organizational Description:** Conservation district

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** The Nevada Tahoe Conservation District’s (NTCD) Best Management Practices (BMP) Retrofit Program is part of the new nationwide Backyard Conservation Program (BCP). The BCP is designed to educate private homeowners about simple, inexpensive conservation measures they can utilize in their own backyards. The Backyard Conservation Program is a joint effort of the Wildlife Habitat Council, the National Association of Conservation Districts, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The NTCD is recognized throughout the country for its progressive BCP. Other programs and projects at the NTCD include: storm water management assessment, BMP asset inventory, street sweeper effectiveness study, stream restoration projects, Biologic base water quality improvement, water quality monitoring, forest health projects and outreach, Biomass utilization and coordination, watershed storm water management planning.

## NORTH FORK AMERICAN RIVER ALLIANCE

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**Sphere of Influence:** NF American River  
**Sub-Region:** Central Sierra  
**County:** Placer  
**Watershed(s):** North Fork American River

**Mission Statement:** To preserve the wild, scenic and cultural heritage within the watershed of the North Fork American River.

**Organizational Description:** Our goal is to be a constructive voice in the management of the North Fork and to educate policy makers and the public about its resources. We participate in agency management plans, sponsor educational programs and form coalitions with other conservation groups. We have adopted several trails and routinely organize volunteer work parties. Due to the checkerboard pattern of land ownership in the NF, protecting public access to public lands has become one of our priorities.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Current issues include off highway vehicle use on public lands, conversion of forest land to residential use, ridgeline development of the NF canyon, development on Donner Summit, and suction dredge mining on our wild and scenic streams.

## OAKHURST RIVER PARKWAY PARTNERSHIP

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sub-Region:** South  
**County:** Madera  
**Watershed(s):** San Joaquin

**Mission Statement:** Preservation and to provide safe walking trails.

**Organizational Description:** Grassroots community of volunteers.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Held 18<sup>th</sup> River Clean Up Day. Updated website to include current information.

## PIT RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Northeast California  
**County:** Modoc, Lassen, Shasta  
**Watershed(s):** Pit

**Mission Statement:** The Pit River Watershed Alliances strives to achieve long-term cultural, economic, and environmental health in the watershed.

**Organizational Description:** The Pit River Watershed Alliance (Alliance) is a collaborative, non-regulatory group, working to strengthen individual stakeholder efforts through enhanced coordination. The Alliance was formed in December 1999. Since that time, a variety of stakeholders have participated in the Alliance and identified priority projects and resource issues. The forum created from regularly held Alliance meetings and activities enables private landowners and stakeholders, local, state and federal agencies, to share ideas, skills, and leverage funding opportunities to complete projects.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** The Pit River Watershed Alliance is in the process of developing a Watershed Management Strategy to be completed by December 31, 2009.

# PLACER LAND TRUST

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Valley, foothills, Sierra  
**County:** Placer  
**Watershed(s):** North Fork American River,  
 Middle Fork American River, South Fork Yuba  
 River, Bear River, Coon Creek

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

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

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Preserving the last remaining contiguous area of oak woodlands in the Coon Creek and Bear River watershed. First land trust in the Sierra to become accredited by the Land Trust Alliance Accreditation Commission.

## PLANNING AND CONSERVATION LEAGUE

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Mission Statement:** The Planning and Conservation League mission is to protect the environment and quality of life for all Californians through education and legislative action within the state legislature and local government.

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

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** The Planning and Conservation League has six program areas that staff members are devoted to year round. This work includes everything from coalition building, to legislative and lobbying work, to workshops and publications. Our current programs focus on water policy, land-use, transportation, climate and coastal protection.

## PLUMAS TOMORROW

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

**Mission Statement:** Our mission is to strengthen the capacity of our region to build consensus on decisions that create long-term viability for our communities, productive economic enterprises, quality natural environment and prudently managed resources.

**Organizational Description:** Ours is a small, citizen-based organization working to facilitate responsible stewardship of human potential and all the resources in Plumas County, including agricultural land, water and all natural resources, open space and all those necessary to ensure housing opportunities and a strong, vibrant economy for present and future generations.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Our current focus is to ensure the values of the citizenry are appropriately expressed in the update of our county's General Plan.

## REVIVE THE SAN JOAQUIN

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Headwaters of the San Joaquin River to the Delta  
**County:** Fresno, Madera, Merced  
**Watershed(s):** San Joaquin River

**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 fish.

**Organizational Description:** We are a grassroots nonprofit working to protect the San Joaquin River and its habitats from environmental threats while promoting the restoration of a healthy river environment and its benefits to our local communities.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Education and stewardship programs that further restoration goals. Litigation and action against poorly planned land-uses and developments

## RIVERTREE VOLUNTEERS, INC.

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sub-Region:** San Joaquin Valley  
**County:** Fresno, Madera  
**Watershed(s):** San Joaquin River

**Mission Statement:** To educate the public about the San Joaquin River and its watershed by performing service learning projects and canoe tours of the river.

**Organizational Description:** A not for profit, all volunteer, 501(c)3 organization with no paid members, staff, or overhead

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** We average pulling 800 tires from the San Joaquin River each year, fill nine 40 cubic yard dumpsters with trash, and gave 1,300 free educational rides on the river by canoe in 2010.

## SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY LEADERSHIP FORUM

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Sierra Nevada and San Joaquin Valley  
**County:** Fresno, Madera, Tulare, Kern  
**Watershed(s):** San Joaquin River and Tulare Lake Basin Hydrologic Regions

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

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

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:**

- Development of a viable collaboration between farmers, businesses, community leaders, environmentalists, researchers and professionals working to provide sustainable solutions to water quality and quantity challenges in the San Joaquin Valley
- Involvement with the San Joaquin River Restoration Program (SJRRP) and Community Involvement for the underserved in the Sierra Nevada mountain, foothill and San Joaquin valley rural areas.
- Environmental Stewardship, Education and Watershed Restoration on the Little Dry Creek and Cottonwood Creek in the Sierra Nevada foothills and San Joaquin River for water quality and salmon reintroduction
- Development and promotion of the Tulare Lake Basin Restoration Concept Proposal
- Education of Legislative Representatives on protection and enhancement of the San Joaquin Delta Region and upper watershed – as well as the Tulare Lake Basin.

## SEQUOIA FORESTKEEPER

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Sequoia National Forest and the Giant Sequoia National Monument.  
**Sub-Region:**  
**County:** Kern, Tulare  
**Watershed(s):** Kern River

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

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

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Sequoia ForestKeeper has just finished its fifth successful year of our Summer Intern Forest Monitoring Program, where college students are hired for the summer to do intensive forest health studies that include water quality, wildlife, pre- and post-logging forest conditions, sequoia regeneration surveys, meadow rehabilitation, and more. We have been lucky enough in 2011 to have SNAP member Ryan Bollinger to head our GIS program, which will compare all aspects of forest health throughout Sequoia National Forest taking past Forest Service management techniques into consideration. In addition, we have just begun a Youth Outreach program, which uses different tactics to teach children from preschool-high school about forest ecology and why conservation is so important.

## SEQUOIA RIVERLANDS TRUST

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**County:** Tulare/Fresno/Kern/Kings  
**Watershed(s):** Kaweah, Tule, Deer Creek, Kern, Kings

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

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

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

## SIERRA AND FOOTHILL CITIZEN'S ALLIANCE

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

**Mission Statement:** Sierra and Foothill Citizen's Alliance (SAFCA) will endeavor to inform and educate mountain and foothill residents regarding potential impacts of land use and water resource decisions in our communities, and actively address those concerns identified. Statement of Purpose: The prevention or mitigation of potentially adverse impacts due to land use decisions in the mountains and foothills of eastern Fresno County is the primary focus of SAFCA

**Organizational Description:** The Sierra and Foothill Citizen's Alliance (SAFCA) was formed in 2004 by residents of several Fresno County foothill and mountain communities after many wells began going dry because of increased withdrawals by new developments. SAFCA has worked to educate members of the community about water issues and has formed relationships with regional and local planners and decision-makers to ensure that water sustainability is given adequate consideration. As an organization, SAFCA's areas of interest include: Water quality and sustainability Waste treatment Traffic Air Quality SAFCA believes it is vitally important that land use decisions affecting eastern Fresno County be comprehensively reviewed for potential impacts to water quality and sustainability, waste treatment and traffic. These reviews must be conducted not only by the various public agencies and representatives that have jurisdiction over such development, but must also include the communities that may be affected by those decisions.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** SAFCA is a participant in the South Sierra IRWMP, is participating in a DWR ground water capacity building grant managed by Sierra Resource Conservation District, works with the Fresno County Water Advisory Committee in finalizing the recommendations of the 2006 Regional Foothill Water Study, and continues to work with the County of Fresno Planning Department and our County Supervisor on water and land use issues in the foothill communities of eastern Fresno County. SAFCA participated in the now completed Upper San Joaquin River Watershed Assessment (DWR/CalFED funded) and continues to work closely with the Sierra Resource Conservation District regarding fractured rock groundwater resources and other land use issues.

## SIERRA BUSINESS COUNCIL

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**Sphere of Influence:** California & Nevada  
**Sub-Region:** Sierra Nevada  
**County:** Several  
**Watershed(s):** Several

**Mission Statement:** To pioneer innovative projects and approaches that foster community vitality, environmental quality, economic prosperity, and social fairness in the Sierra Nevada.

**Organizational Description:** Sierra Business Council is a member-based organization of over 700 individuals and businesses that are committed to pioneering innovative and sustainable solutions in the Sierra Nevada. We work in the program areas of economy, environment, community, and leadership and remain the innovative leader in providing communities with the tools and models to link people, nature, and the economy.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** SBC is currently working on several projects throughout the Sierra Nevada, each of which has produced its own set of accomplishments. The Northern Sierra Partnership, a coalition of local business, conservation and private landowner groups was recognized by Governor Schwarzenegger last year. The Sierra Nevada Carbon Cooperative, which assists landowners in capturing the value of conserving and sustainably managing their forestlands, listed the first ever —Avoided Conversion Project|| under Climate Action Reserve protocols. SBC is working on several other programs, such as Sierra Nevada Energy Watch, Think Local First, Geotourism, and Water Quality projects. Please visit our website for more information.

## SIERRA CLUB –KERN KAWEAH CHAPTER

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

**Mission Statement:** To Explore, Enjoy, and Protect the Planet  
 Main National Goals: Climate Recovery through 6 National Campaigns: Beyond Coal, Resilient Habitats, Clean Energy Solutions, Federal and International Climate Campaign, and Green Transportation

**Organizational Description:** The Kern-Kaweah Chapter, one of 13 chapters in California is further divided into 5 sub-groups: Mineral King, Kaweah, Buena Vista, Condor, and Owens Peak Groups. We conduct business through elected Executive Committee members. The Kern-Kaweah Chapter includes the Sierra Nevada foothills, part of the Mojave Desert, and Southern San Joaquin Valley.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Current Focus: Giant Sequoia National Monument Management Plan, Sierra Nevada issues, San Joaquin Valley issues (air quality, urban sprawl, farmland preservation, global warming, GHG emissions) Recent Accomplishments: numerous settlements with developers regarding improved environmental requirements, agreements with major solar developers for biological improvements, helped forge the Tejon Ranch Conservancy Agreement, hosting well-known speakers on environmental design for communities.

## SIERRA CLUB – MOTHER LODE CHAPTER

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

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

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

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

## SIERRA CLUB - PLACER GROUP

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Placer County  
**Sub-Region:** West of the Sierra Summit  
**County:** Placer County  
**Watershed(s):** American Basin—Auburn Ravine, Dry Creek, American River

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

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

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

## SIERRA CLUB - RANGE OF LIGHT GROUP

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

**County:** Inyo & Mono (California)

**Watershed(s):** primarily Owens River – also Walker River (East & West)

**Mission Statement:** To explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth; To practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources; To educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment; and to use all lawful means to carry out these objectives. [note: this is the mission statement of the national Sierra Club].

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

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Mammoth Lakes Geothermal plant expansion; Inyo County general plan amendment re. renewable energy development; Bodie Hills – long range development & opposing release of 3 Bodie Hills WSA & gold mine development; Owens dry lakebed Master Plan development; California legislative bill to enable OHVs on stretches of county and state roads; proposed closure of South Tufa State Preserve as part of budget measures.

## SIERRA CLUB – SIERRA NEVADA GROUP

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sub-Region:** Northern  
**County:** Nevada/Yuba/Sierra  
**Watershed(s):** Yuba

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

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

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

## SIERRA CYCLING FOUNDATION

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Eastern Sierra  
**County:** Inyo and Mono

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

## SIERRA FOOTHILLS AUDUBON SOCIETY

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**Sphere of Influence:** Foothills

**County:** Nevada/Placer/Yuba

**Watershed(s):** Yuba

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

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

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** SFAS provided in-classroom presentations to multiple schools in Nevada County. We also participated in a campaign to protect Spenceville Wildlife Refuge from the impacts of an encroaching 5000 home sub-division.

# SIERRA INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT

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**Sphere of Influence:** California  
**County:** Plumas  
**Watershed(s):** Upper Feather River

**Mission Statement:** The Sierra Institute for Community and Environment promotes healthy and sustainable forests and watersheds by investing in the well-being of rural communities and strengthening their participation in natural resource decisions and programs.

**Organizational Description:** Founded in 1993, the Sierra Institute is a non-governmental, non-profit research and education organization based in the northern Sierra Nevada town of Taylorsville, California. Research, education, and community collaboration are the tools of our trade. Our work ranges from researching the outcomes of a national law on rural communities, to leading tours on the land to showcase rural people’s involvement in taking care of forests, meadows and waterways, to facilitating assessments and bilingual dialogues about healthcare, to testifying in the halls of Congress.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:**

- **Center of Forestry:** The Sierra Institute's Center of Forestry offers outdoor educational tours that focus on pioneering natural resource management in the northern Sierra Nevada and highlight achievements of local forest and watershed groups and agencies. The tours explore the complex relationship between natural resource management and the economic and cultural health of rural communities. These educational tours offer an opportunity to get off the beaten path and explore a mix of people, places, and projects in the northern Sierra.
- **Upper Feather River Watershed Project:** The Sierra Institute has partnered with Feather River Coordinated Resource Management to expand the understanding of existing and future watershed conditions and ensure the resiliency of the watershed. This project engages all interested parties in a shared future through facilitation of community and government entities and stakeholders, especially in light of climate change. The watershed coordinator's work will include continued work with the Almanor Basin Watershed Advisory Committee to ensure sustainable basin management by implementing the Almanor Basin Watershed Management Plan. This work will be expanded to other watersheds and include ecosystem services.
- **Networked Health Services and Youth Empowerment:** Community engagement and collaborative planning are the underpinnings of Sierra Institute’s health program strategy. Sierra Institute’s Proyecto Salud, a multi-year project serving the Portola community, was the catalyst for bringing together Spanish-speaking mothers and children to improve health care access and linkages to county health resources. Current projects build on this model by supporting youth empowerment activities in Indian Valley, a countywide network of hospitals and tribal clinic, and community-based activities to increase outreach, retention, enrollment and utilization of MediCal, Healthy Families and other local health coverage initiatives.
- **Biomass:** The Sierra Institute is excited to kickoff a multi-year effort to link fire prevention, job creation in Plumas County, and healthy forests through the production and use of biomass in the Feather River Canyon and adjacent areas of the Plumas National Forest. This project also includes work to identify and evaluate key policy elements in biomass development and recommend an optimal path to move forward.
- **Burney-Hat Creek Community Forest and Watershed Project:** The purpose of this project is to improve social, environmental, and economic conditions in the Burney Creek and Hat

Creek watersheds by planning projects that integrate sustainable natural resource management with socioeconomic development across the 364,000-acre, two-watershed project area.

- **Socioeconomic Indicators:** This project developed and measures and indicators for assessing socioeconomic attributes of watersheds in California. Measures and indicators were developed and tested in three watersheds in Mariposa County: the Upper Merced River Watershed, Mariposa Stream Groups Watershed, and Upper Chowchilla River Watershed.
- **Natural Resource Academy:** In 2007, the Sierra Institute and Greenville Jr./Sr. High School (GHS) launched a Natural Resource Academy that integrates field-based projects with classroom work. The Academy is based on rigorous environmental education and natural resource field program designed for 7th through 12th grade students. The Academy's goals are to strengthen students' connection to their rural environment and to broaden their educational experience by offering opportunities for open-ended inquiries and practical problem-solving.

## SIERRA STREAMS INSTITUTE (formerly FRIENDS OF DEER CREEK)

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**County:** Nevada  
**Watershed(s):** Deer Creek Sierra Nevada watersheds

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

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

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Our current focus and recent accomplishments include:

- A comprehensive river monitoring program:
  - Fifteen water quality, macroinvertebrate, and diatom monitoring sites on Deer Creek and its tributaries
  - Ten years of monthly water quality and biannual macroinvertebrate monitoring data
  - Annual physical habitat assessment since 2000

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

## SIERRA WATCH

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Mission Statement:** Sierra Watch secures permanent protection of Sierra Nevada landscapes by transforming development threats into conservation opportunities.

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

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Sierra Watch continues to build on our ongoing success in Martis Valley, working to protect the 6,900 SPI property bordering the Tahoe Basin. And we're playing a leadership role in coordinating a concerted campaign to turn back a misguided development proposal on Donner Summit, offering a better blueprint based on conservation values.

## SOUTH YUBA RIVER CITIZENS LEAGUE (SYRCL)

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Mission Statement:** To protect and restore the Yuba River and the greater Yuba Watershed

**Organizational Description:** SYRCL is the leading voice for the protection and restoration of the Yuba River and greater Yuba Watershed. Founded in 1983 through a rural, grassroots campaign to defend the South Yuba River from proposed hydropower dams, SYRCL has developed into a vibrant community organization with over 3,500 members and volunteers.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Since the 1990's SYRCL has spearheaded numerous efforts resulting in the protection and recovery of Yuba Salmon. Our efforts are now coalesced into a comprehensive Yuba Salmon Now! Campaign with the goal of recovering an abundant Wild Salmon population to regenerate the ecological, economic, and cultural foundations of our bioregion.

The goal of SYRCL's River Science Program is to provide scientific information where it is most vitally needed to support the protection and restoration of the Yuba River watershed. The program involves river monitoring, research, data analysis, watershed assessment, education, advocacy and collaboration.

SYRCL's Wild & Scenic Film Festival, now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year, is the largest event of its kind in the US. Each January in Nevada City, we screen the most important and inspirational environmental films available, as well as host a variety of environmental activists and filmmakers. Wild & Scenic inspires our audiences to make positive changes for a healthier world. The Wild & Scenic Festival On Tour program brings the films and inspiration to approximately 100 grassroots environmental groups across the country each year.

## SUGAR PINE FOUNDATION

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Tahoe Basin  
**Sub-Region:** Tahoe, Truckee, Sierraville  
**County:** El Dorado, Placer, Nevada, Carson, Douglas, Washoe  
**Watershed(s):** Tahoe Basin

**Organizational Description:** Founded in 2004, the Sugar Pine Foundation is a South Lake Tahoe-based, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization working to save Tahoe's sugar pines and other white pines from an incurable, exotic fungus called white pine blister rust by educating and involving the local community in hands-on forest stewardship.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Currently, we are focused on sugar pine and western white pine restoration in the Tahoe Basin. In the past year:

- We coordinated planting over 10,000 sugar pine seedlings to restore 18 acres of land. These were the first white pine blister rust resistant seedlings produced from Lake Tahoe Basin seed trees.
- We collected 50 pounds of seed from blister rust resistant trees identified in the Lake Tahoe Basin. These estimated 80,000 seedlings are the sole source of sugar pine seedlings for re-vegetation of fire burns and other restoration projects around the Basin.
- We submitted cones from 100 trees for genetic testing in order to identify western white pine seed trees and expand the genetic diversity of our sugar pine seed trees in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

## SUSTAINABLE TAHOE

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

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

**Organizational Description:** Non-Profit 501(c)(3)

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Stewardship Congress to transform conservation projects into geotourism attractions. Tahoe Expo to showcase geotourism attractions as part of the new economy.

## TAHOE INSTITUTE FOR NATURAL SCIENCE

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Tahoe Region, including Truckee, and to a lesser extent the adjacent foothills east and west of the Tahoe Basin.  
**County:** Alpine, El Dorado, Placer, Nevada, Sierra, Washoe, Carson City, Douglas  
**Watershed(s):** Truckee River (and adjacent)

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

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

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** We have had far too many accomplishments over the last year to list. Please refer to the Program Updates section of our newsletter.

## THE SIERRA FUND

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Sierra Nevada  
**County:** all Sierra Nevada counties  
**Watershed(s):** all Sierra Nevada watersheds

**Mission Statement:** The mission of The Sierra Fund is to —save the Sierra|| by increasing investment in the land, air, water and human resources of the region.

**Organizational Description:** Founded in 2001, The Sierra Fund is the only nonprofit community foundation dedicated to the Sierra Nevada. We pursue our mission three ways: through *Advocacy* to bring public funding to the region, *Philanthropy* to provide a vehicle for private funding in the region, and *Strategic Campaigns* that pursue critically needed programs in the Sierra.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** In the last year, The Sierra Fund was proud to expand our philanthropic services by providing litigation loans, bridge loans and fiscal sponsorship to excellent projects in the Sierra. In Nevada City, we sponsored the Deer Creek Tribute Trail project, a collaborative of local organizations and agencies, and we pulled together community members to invest in this fantastic new trail for our community.

Since 2006, our main strategic campaign has been the Reclaiming the Sierra Initiative, to assess and address mining’s toxic legacy in the Sierra Nevada. We have held outreach and public meetings on this topic in all 22 counties in the Sierra Nevada, directly involving more than 3,000 people. We successfully worked to get more than \$20 million in state and federal funding for research and cleanup of abandoned mines, and supported recent legislation to halt suction dredge mining in rivers until appropriate regulations can be established. Our Mining Toxins Working Group provides a forum for community leaders, scientists, tribes, agency representatives, healthcare workers and more to coordinate and create solutions to California’s oldest environmental disaster.

## TROUT UNLIMITED

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sub-Region:** Tahoe Basin

**County:** Nevada

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

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

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

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Travel Management Plans, Forest Plan Revision, Little Truckee Fish Habitat Improvement Project, Upper Truckee River Habitat Protection campaign (Wild and Scenic), Yuba FERC re-licensing, McCloud FERC re-licensing.

## TULARE COUNTY CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBLE GROWTH

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

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

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

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** TCCRG has extensively commented on the Tulare County draft General Plan Update and on the Notice of Preparation for the proposed Yokohl Ranch development and recently spearheaded a campaign urging Tulare County to adopt an Oak Woodlands Management Plan and to consider an Oak Ordinance for the county. TCCRG volunteers have attended and spoken at many Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors meetings, presented educational forums, written media op-eds, and spoken to various community groups at a variety of venues on responsible growth issues.

## UPPER MERCED RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

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

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

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

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

## WALLACE CITIZENS SERVING RESIDENTS

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Wallace  
**County:** Calaveras

**Mission Statement:** Protection of rural lifestyle, protection of open-space, water and wildlife conservation advocates

**Organizational Description:** Organization formed in response to a bad project slated for Wallace. Through educating ourselves and contact with other groups (CSERC, Calaveras Planning Coalition, <myvalleysprings.com>, EPFW, and FOCUS) we now work to support many efforts, especially on the west end of Calaveras County.

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** We work with the Calaveras Planning Coalition and the many member groups to promote smart growth. We just overthrew the water/sewer board in Wallace to prevent destruction of trees and wildlife by over-building of tract housing. We worked with others to form a community vision for Wallace that protects open-space. Our most urgent current project is fighting the illegal golf course built in Ag Preserve, urging the county to do the right thing.

## WASHOE MEADOWS COMMUNITY

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** California and Tahoe Basin  
**County:** El Dorado  
**Watershed(s):**  
 Truckee and Tahoe Basin

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

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

**Current Focus & Recent Accomplishments:** Washoe Meadows Community organized public support for protection of Washoe Meadows State Park through community outreach. We also provided comments at many public agency meetings and met with key decision makers to obtain support. We are preparing to organize review and comment on the final environmental document which is estimated to be released in Fall 2011.

## WILDPLACES

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Tulare, Kern Counties and southern Sierra Nevada  
**County:** Tulare, Kern  
**Watershed(s):** Tulare Basin, Kern River and Tule River Watershed

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

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

## YOSEMITE AREA AUDUBON SOCIETY

Member Group	Land Use	Watershed & Water	Climate Change	Forest Management	IRWMP	Wildlife	SNAP Host
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**Sphere of Influence:** Foothills  
**County:** Mariposa and Madera  
**Watershed(s):** Merced and Chowchilla

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

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

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