

Budget

2008-09

The SNC expenditure plan was fully funded in the State's FY 2008-09 Budget Act, which was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor just prior to our last Board meeting. This budget provides approximately the same level of funding as the previous year. However, we have made some adjustments to the line item allotments, based on our current operating needs and to more accurately reflect our baseline projections. Table 1 details SNC's allocation of its 2008-09 operating budget for the first four months of the current fiscal year.

The SNC's base operating budget consists of approximately \$4 million from the California Environmental License Plate Fund (ELPF). In addition, \$17 million was once again appropriated from Proposition 84 funds this year for local assistance grants, as well as \$500,000 for grant administration. At the October Board meeting, the Board approved a revised spending plan calling for \$14 million to be awarded this year for local assistance grants. Under the plan the remaining \$3 million will remain available for award over the next two years without the need for reappropriation.

As a special note, because the Conservancy is a "special fund" agency—meaning we do not receive funding from the State's General Fund—the impact from the State's current fiscal crisis has been lessened, compared to General Fund agencies. This has resulted in some relief from the fiscal management actions required under the Governor's Executive Order. However, due to the extraordinary situation the State finds itself in, all state agencies are being asked to make additional sacrifices. Regardless of our funding status, the SNC recognizes the State is in a fiscal crisis and we are mindful of the need to manage our funds in a prudent manner.

Staffing

As mentioned above, because the SNC is funded through special funds, we have been given authority to fill vacant positions and rehire our part-time retired annuitants. Amy Lebak has been hired as the Procurement and Personnel Analyst, and Tristyn Armstrong has been hired as a Executive Assistant. As this report is written it appears SNC staff will be furloughed one day a month, resulting in an approximately 5% reduction in total staff time available. Currently, the SNC is nearly fully staffed.

Table 1
2008-09 SNC EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES

State Operations				
<i>Personal Services</i>	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>% Spent</i>
SALARIES AND WAGES	1,788,559	442,905	1,345,654	25%
SALARY SAVINGS	(45,653)			
STAFF BENEFITS	445,652	141,890	303,762	32%
<i>Personal Services, Totals</i>	2,188,558	584,795	1,603,763	27%

<i>Operating Expenses & Equipment</i>	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>% Spent</i>
GENERAL EXPENSE	383,642	61,696	321,946	16%
TRAVEL - IS	152,833	1,450	151,383	1%
TRAVEL - OS	15,000	0	15,000	0%
TRAINING	65,230	1,770	63,460	3%
FACILITIES	274,744	200,812	73,972	73% *
UTILITIES	10,411	3,145	7,266	30%
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	57,646	1,128	56,518	2%
CONTRACTS- EXTERNAL	169,370	95,074	74,296	56% *
CONTRACTS- INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT	1,136,878	901,780	235,098	79% *
CONSOLIDATED DATA CENTER	0	0	0	0%
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0%
OTHER ITEMS OF EXPENSE	25,920	4,361	21,559	17%
PRO RATA (control agency costs)	55,767	13,942	41,825	25%
<i>Operating Expenses & Equipment, Totals</i>	2,347,441	1,227,834	1,119,607	52%
State Operations, Totals	4,535,999	1,812,629	2,723,370	40%
Local Assistance, Totals	17,000,000	0	17,000,000	0%
SNC EXPENDITURES, TOTALS	21,535,999	1,812,629	19,723,370	8%

SNC EXPENDITURES BY FUNDING SOURCE

State Operations

ENVIRONMENTAL LIC PLATE FUND	\$ 4,023,000	\$1,749,243	\$ 2,273,757	43%
PROPOSITION 84	\$ 513,000	\$ 63,386	\$ 449,614	12%

Local Assistance Grants

PROPOSITION 84	\$17,000,000	\$ -	\$17,000,000	0%
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* Expended amounts represent not only items that have been expended through Oct, but also those contracts and leases that have already been encumbered for the year. We expect to stay within budget.