

Background

Since 2007, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) has authorized 296 grants to eligible organizations throughout the Region. Approximately 160 of the projects funded by those grants have been fully implemented by grantees. A very small percentage have been returned or terminated for various reasons. The remaining projects are currently active. Two previously authorized active grants need to be modified to ensure successful completion. The modifications proposed in both cases involve transferring the grant from the original grantee to a different grantee. This action requires that the intended recipient of the grant meet all of the eligibility requirements of the SNC grant program and have authority from their respective governing bodies to accept the grants.

The SNC Executive Officer has been delegated authority to execute and make minor modifications to grants authorized by the Board. However, the changing of grantees requires Board authorization.

Current Status

Detailed descriptions of each proposed grant transfer are included as Attachment A and Attachment B to this report. All eligibility requirements have been satisfied by intended recipients of the grants and project partners have been consulted and are supportive of the proposed transfers.

Next Steps

Upon consideration and action by the Board to authorize each of the following recommendations, staff will prepare and execute the necessary grant agreements and required California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation to complete the transfers.

Recommendation

Each proposed transfer has a separate recommendation included in attachments to this staff report.