

Strategic Plan Summary Status

In March 2018, the SNC Governing Board approved the following five Regional goals that reflect broad, desired outcomes for the Sierra Nevada Region:

- Healthy Forests and Watersheds
- Vibrant Recreation and Tourism
- Strategic Lands Conserved
- Resilient Sierra Nevada Communities
- Impactful Regional Identity

Current Request

Staff is now asking the Board to:

1. Elevate the Watershed Improvement Program (WIP) as the over-arching SNC initiative.
 - The watershed level is the appropriate organizing unit for the integrated management of all resources in the Sierra Nevada Region
 - Although SNC efforts to date have largely focused on forest health issues, the WIP was always intended to approach watershed health in a comprehensive manner
 - Elevating the WIP creates a holistic approach to watershed and community health and resilience which creates opportunities for:
 - Better strategic alignment and engagement with partners
 - Providing leadership and serving as a catalyst to address issues of importance to both the Region and the State
 - Developing a comprehensive model for focused action to achieve all Regional Goals
 - Telling a more compelling story about the full range of activities needed to restore resilience
2. Consider and comment on proposed strategies for implementing Regional Goals. These strategies have been developed to:
 - Take SNC fiscal and personnel resources (current and expected), staff experience and expertise, and potential partnering opportunities into consideration.
 - Reflect SNC's understanding of the work, priorities, and resources of other agencies and partners who engage in activities consistent with the SNC's mission.
 - Provide flexibility while establishing a roadmap for action to be further refined based on funding available to SNC as an outcome of the Primary and General elections in June and November 2018.

Next Steps

Staff will bring a draft Strategic Plan to the Board with additional details relating to potential activities under each strategy for consideration in September 2018 and will ask the Board to approve a final Strategic Plan and an 18-month Action Plan in December 2018.