

### **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.