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TO: The Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Thomas M. Miller, County Executive Officer
By: Mary Herdegen, Senior Management Analyst
DATE: January 8, 2008
SUBJECT: Approve a Resolution Accepting Sierra Nevada Conservancy Proposition 84 Grant Funding

Recommendation:

Approve a Resolution accepting Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) Proposition 84 grant funding in the amount of \$147,500 for Placer County conservation projects, specifically:

1. Accept \$15,000 in SNC grant funding for the Eastern Placer Creek Signage project and appoint the Director of Planning as agent of the County to execute necessary documents;
2. Accept \$45,000 in SNC grant funding for the Low Impact Development Guidebook project and appoint the Director of Planning as agent of the County to execute necessary documents;
3. Accept \$38,000 in SNC grant funding for Esoteric Due-Diligence and appoint the Director of Facility Services as agent of the County to execute necessary documents;
4. Accept \$49,500 in SNC grant funding for the biomass removal project and appoint the County Executive Officer as agent of the County to execute necessary documents;

Background:

In November 2006, California voters approved Proposition 84 – the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coast Protection Bond Act". The SNC was allocated \$54 million of the bond proceeds.

On December 6, 2007, the SNC Board approved its inaugural round of grant funding. Placer County was awarded \$147,500 in grants for four conservation projects:

1. Eastern Placer Creek Signage – \$15,000 in grant funding will provide for educational signage (80 signs) regarding Sierra watersheds and the important habitat they provide.
2. Esoteric Due-Diligence Studies – Near Applegate, Esoteric is an 89-acre parcel that abuts BLM land in the American River Canyon and is connected to the American River by an existing trail network. A printing and book binding operation on the property dates back to the late 1800's and contains many historical artifacts. The property is a strong candidate for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Sites and as a California state landmark. A \$38,000 SNC grant will be utilized to complete an appraisal, erosion study, and Phase 1 environmental analysis in support of future acquisition.

3. **Low Impact Development Guidebook** – The project goal is to reduce contamination of Sierra watersheds. \$45,000 in grant funding will be used to develop the guidebook which will provide guidelines that include preventing degradation of water quality and natural resources, managing storm water more efficiently and protecting groundwater and drinking water supplies.
4. **Biomass Removal** – In partnership with the Placer County Air Pollution Control District, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service, and Sierra Pacific Industries, the \$49,500 in grant funding will allow the County to coordinate (planning; management; public information) removal of biomass from three national forest lands within the SNC boundaries.

Environmental Clearance

Adoption of this Resolution by definition does not constitute a project as defined by Section 15378(b)(4&5) of the Public Resource Code.

Fiscal Impact:

In addition to some in-kind support services, Placer County funding -to augment the \$147,500 in SNC grant funding- totals \$40,740 (\$7,400 – Creek Signage; \$10,000 – Esoteric Due-Diligence; and \$30,000 – Guidebook).

Cc: Jim Durfee, Facility Services Director
Michael Johnson, Planning Director
Brett Storey, Biomass Manager

Attachment: Resolution

**Before the Board of Supervisors
County of Placer, State of California**

In the matter of: A RESOLUTION Accepting Sierra Nevada Conservancy Proposition 84 Grant Funding

Resol. No: _____

Ord. No: _____

First Reading: _____

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held on, January 8, 2008 by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest:
Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coast Protection Bond Act; and

WHEREAS, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of a portion of these funds through a local assistance program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Placer County Board of Supervisors acknowledges the SNC Board's December 6, 2007 award of \$147,500 in Proposition 84 grant funding to the County of Placer for conservation projects; and

WHEREAS, these conservation projects include Eastern Placer Creek Signage, Esoteric Due-Diligence Studies, a Low Impact Development Guidebook and Biomass removal; and

WHEREAS, the Placer County Board of Supervisors agrees to carry-out these grant activities as authorized by the SNC Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF PLACER that it accepts \$147,500 in SNC Proposition 84 grant funding awarded by the SNC Board on December 6, 2007.