

The Sierra Fund

2006 Organizational Report



ADVOCACY

In the state Capitol we successfully advocated for \$27.5 million for the Sierra Cascade grant program – funds which have already been awarded to high priority projects throughout the range. Working with our allies we won passage of the Specialty License Plate Act (AB 84), which will allow us to create a Sierra License Plate to generate ongoing conservation funding for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. We also supported the successful passage of Proposition 84 on the November ballot, providing funds for water quality, river protection and park restoration in the Sierra and around the state.

PHILANTHROPY

Our philanthropic services program provided funds and technical support to crucial fights in the Sierra focused on land use, development, and trail access to public lands. We distributed \$250,000 in grants to dozens of organizations protecting and restoring the Sierra Nevada and other worthy enterprises. We also released The Sierra Fund's first organizational report, offering highlights of our first five years of existence (posted on our website: www.sierrafund.org).

STRATEGIC CAMPAIGNS

The Sierra Fund Launched a multi-year environmental justice initiative to address gold mining's toxic legacy in the Sierra, working with scientists, tribes, conservationists, health professionals and government agencies to research and remediate the ongoing effects of historic mining on the health of humans and wildlife on both sides of the Sierra Nevada range.

Over the next year we will:

- ⊕ Implement a successful marketing campaign for a Sierra Conservancy license plate that will register 7,500 Sierra plates in one year;
- ⊕ Work with our mining project partners to write and publish a "Sierra Nevada Mining Toxics Legacy Action Plan," in order to clean up environmental problems and protect the health of humans and wildlife in the Sierra;
- ⊕ Continue to provide strategic, legal and financial support to communities around the Sierra seeking to protect their natural resources; and
- ⊕ Be the voice for the Sierra as the state legislature decides how to spend the billions of conservation dollars authorized in the recent statewide election.

The Sierra Fund's mission is to save the Sierra Nevada by increasing public and private investment in the natural resources and communities of the range.

In 2006 we made great strides toward achieving this mission, using the tools of advocacy, strategic campaigns & philanthropy.

We are grateful for the participation and support of our many partners, allies and donors.

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Grants & Loans ~ 2006

In 2006, The Sierra Fund paid out \$246,325 in grants to organizations engaged in protecting and restoring the Sierra Nevada and other worthy enterprises. These grants reflect our mission to increase public and private investment in the Sierra and our goal to promote philanthropy throughout the region. The generosity and commitment of our donors to making substantial investments today, in order to preserve the Range of Light for future generations, have made these grants possible.



Grants are made through our ISIS Fund – which supports the conservation objectives detailed in our [Integrated Sierra Investment Strategy](#) – or through one of our donor-advised, restricted or designated funds. ISIS Fund grants usually arise from conservation proposals developed in partnership with The Sierra Fund. Grants and loans from our donor-advised funds reflect the recommendations and interests of donors to those funds.

For more information about the work supported by these grants, please see the detailed grants list posted on our website:
<http://www.sierrafund.org>

INTEGRATED SIERRA INVESTMENT STRATEGY **\$57,395.84**

Californians for Clean Water, Parks and Coastal Protection

\$8,484.84

Chico Research Foundation

California State University, Chico

\$47,850

Northern California Grantmakers

\$125

Tsi-Akim Maidu

\$900

DONOR-ADVISED, DESIGNATED & RESTRICTED FUNDS (ISIS and related conservation activities)

\$162,466

American Land Conservancy

\$1,000

California Wilderness Coalition

\$1,000

CalTrout

\$1,000

Center For Biological Diversity

\$1,500

Center for Sierra Nevada Conservation

\$1,000

Earth Justice

\$2,000

Environmental Action Committee of West Marin

\$1,000

Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics

\$1,000

Green Corps

\$6,000

High Sierra Rural Alliance

\$24,703

HEAL Utah

\$1,000

Land Trust of Santa Cruz County

\$1,500

Mountain Meadows Conservancy

\$8,000

Organic Center

\$50,000

Pacific Crest Trail Association

\$500

Planning & Conservation League

\$1,500

Restore Hetch Hetchy

\$5,000

SRVA: Advocates for Smart Growth

\$7,763

Saving the Sierra: Voices of Conservation in Action

\$2,000

Sierra Club

\$5,000

Sierra Nevada Alliance

\$1,500

Sierra Watch

\$20,000

The Trust For Public Land

\$1,500

Tuolumne River Trust

\$5,000

University of California Botanical Garden

\$10,000

The Yosemite Association

\$2,000

Donor-Advised, Designated & Restricted Funds (Broad range of donor interests) **\$26,500**

American Heart Association

\$1,000

Amnesty International

\$1,500

Children's Defense Fund

\$500

Community Bridges

\$750

The Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County

\$1,500

Doctors Without Borders

\$1,500

Madre

\$1,500

Mental Health Client Action Network

\$1,500

Monterey Bay Aquarium

\$1,000

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

\$500

National Women's History Museum

\$750

Panetta Institute

\$1,000

Parkinson Disease Foundation

\$1,000

Planned Parenthood

\$1,000

Rockridge Institute

\$10,000

Save The Redwoods League

\$1,000

United Negro College Fund

\$500

DONORS ~ 2006

The Sierra Fund gratefully acknowledges the foundations, organizations, companies and individuals who are joining with us in partnership to save the Sierra Nevada. Their generous contributions and investments in The Sierra Fund and our partner organizations make possible all of the successes described in this report.

\$100,000 +

The California Endowment

\$25,000 - \$99,999

California Council For Humanities
Michael Funk
Sierra Nevada Brewing Co., Inc.
Sorensen's Resort

\$10,000 - \$24,999

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Thank you for your generous support of our work to save the Sierra.

Contact us to find out how you can play an even greater role in permanently changing the face of conservation in the Sierra Nevada.

Join our 1,000 Friends of the Sierra campaign today!

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY ~ 2006

SUPPORT & REVENUES

Contributions	\$389,189
Investment Income	\$15,169
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains	\$5,407
Other Income	<u>\$18,024</u>
Total Support & Revenue	\$427,789

EXPENSES

Grants Awarded	\$244,326
Programs	<u>\$192,644</u>
Total Grants & Programs	\$436,970
Management & General	\$44,614
Fundraising	<u>\$17,498</u>
Total Expensees	\$499,082

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

	-\$71,293
Net Assets Beginning of year	<u>\$596,293</u>
Net Assets End of year	\$525,000

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

Cash	\$171,163
Investments	\$269,219
Other Receivables	-\$290
Fixed Assets	\$4,909
Land	\$40,000
Program related investments	<u>\$40,000</u>
Total Assets	\$525,000

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$2,159
Total Liabilities	\$2,159

Net Assets:

Unrestricted Assets	\$370,933
Temporarily Restricted	<u>\$151,909</u>
Total Net Assets	\$522,842
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$525,000