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2021 Annual Report



A Letter from Joan Clayburgh

The Sierra Fund in 2021 went through a major transition, and simultaneously cranked out another year of impressive achievements. We continued making progress using science and advocacy to promote the health and resiliency of the natural environment and to protect public health in Sierra communities. In 2021, even with numerous restrictions during the Covid-19 pandemic, a few highlights were we:

- Released “Revitalization of Mine-Impacted Lands,” the first report of its kind in California. We then held a series of workshops that provided comprehensive strategies for remediating abandoned mine lands to protect our health and environment.
- We developed a trailblazing plan to use Biochar (like a Britta filter) to filter out mining toxics, store carbon for climate benefits, and restore soil health at abandoned mine sites in Sierra forests. Biochar use for mine remediation could provide a beneficial use for thin trees removed for wildfire fuel-load reduction work. This holds great potential for Forest Health work at a time where California and Nevada need to seriously up their games on forest restoration.
- We created a pilot approach to help low-income residents in Nevada County get affordable air filtration for their homes during highly hazardous air quality days from wildfire smoke. With wildfire smoke increasing drastically each year in the Sierra, there is a huge void in helping ensure ALL community members have safe havens for the health of their families.

And of course, my favorite accomplishment, the organization hired me. (Some dry humor there). It is no small task to replace the highly accomplished, amazing leader of 18 years. Elizabeth Martin was a powerhouse that led The Sierra Fund to numerous accomplishments and to reach the milestone of celebrating its 20th Anniversary. To replace her, the board and staff undertook a six-month national search process. I am honored to join the team in November 2021 and am excited about the future.

Thanks to the generous contributions of our funders, the hard and talented work of our staff, and the commitment and strategic vision of our board – we made strong strides to increase the resiliency of this magnificent range. Rockin-awesome!

Cheers,



Joan

Joan Clayburgh | Executive Director
The Sierra Fund



Financial Statement

Statement of Revenue and Expenses

January 1 – December 31, 2021

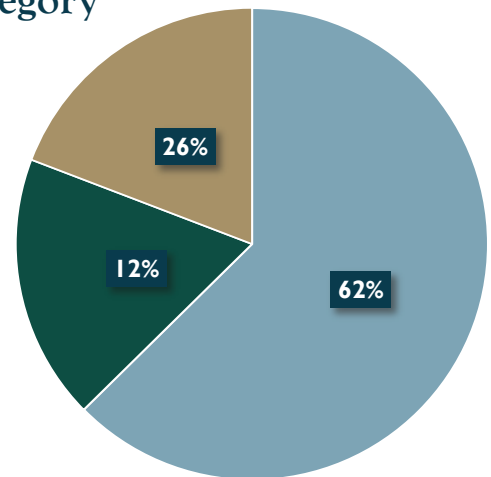
REVENUE	
Donations & DAF Contributions (individuals)	\$99,938.51
Grants - Government	\$338,462.24
Grants - Foundations	\$267,780.59
Fee for Service & Event Income (program income)	\$166,082.32
Forgiven Paycheck Protection Loan Program	\$144,200.00
Investment Income (Sarah Forslund Fund)	\$41,760.67
Total Revenue	\$1,058,224.33

EXPENSES	
Programs	\$780,822.00
Management & General	\$122,835.89
Fundraising	\$22,318.22
Grants Made (Donor Advised Fund outgoing)	\$21,678.46
Total Expenses	\$947,655

NET	\$110,569.76
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Program Expenses by Category

- Ecosystem Resiliency
- Environmentally Healthy Communities
- Capacity Building



THANK YOU to our donors for your generous support of our work to increase ecosystem and community resiliency in the Sierra Nevada. Together we can make lasting change in our headwater region.

About The Sierra Fund

The Sierra Fund is a place-based organization committed to the land and people of California's Sierra Nevada headwaters. We rely on the principles of science, stewardship, environmental justice, and policy advocacy to operationalize our mission to restore ecosystem resiliency and build community capacity.

2021 Board:

Adrienne Alvord, Board Chair
Rich Gordon, Vice Chair
Alison Harvey, Secretary/Treasurer
Martha Lennihan
Robert Meacher
Gary Parsons
Tim Seward

2021 Staff:

Elizabeth Martin, CEO (Retired end of 2021)
Joan Clayburgh, Executive Director
(Started November 2021)
Carrie Monohan, Ph.D., Program Director
Alex Keeble-Toll, Administrative Director
Nick Graham, Senior Environmental Scientist
Laura Carroll, Development Manager
Greg Thrush, Environmental Justice
Community Organizer

