

Sierra Nevada Conservancy WIP Capacity Program Subgrant Three-Month Progress Report

Grantee Name: Yosemite/Sequoia Resource Conservation & Development Council

Project title: WIP Capacity Program – Southern Subregion

SNC Grant Agreement Number: 943

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Progress Reports are a required deliverable of your grant and must be completed whether or not work has occurred on your project in the last three months. Not submitting a complete progress report by the deadline defined in your grant agreement will result in any subsequent requests for payment being delayed or denied. Progress Reports should reflect implementation activities for the project over the last three months. Upon completion of the project, a Progress Report that covers the last three months of the project must accompany the Final Report.

Progress Report Summary

Please provide a summary narrative of work completed during this reporting period in the following categories. This report should include work completed by any organization for which you are a fiscal agent or subgrantor under your SNC Subgrant.

1. Capacity Building

a. Capacity building need assessment

Completed in 2020.

b. Capacity building program design

Completed in 2020/21.

c. Capacity building program delivery

Capacity building activities were mostly internal this period. We continue to explore opportunities to provide capacity building support to other partners/Sponsors.

2. Collaboration and Partnership Development

a. Stakeholder and partner outreach

In some circumstances, partner outreach was done on a more case-by-case basis while in other scenarios we leveraged our regularly scheduled Full Council meeting and attended other partner meetings to outreach on program activities (mainly the prioritization process and EA proposal development.)

b. Development of agreements (MOUs, MSA, GNAs, other agreements or foundational documents.)

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c. Meetings with partners/collaborative members

Check-ins with Dinkey Collaborative leadership. Meetings with Sierra National Forest (SNF) heritage program and other check-ins with key SNF staff during the reporting period.

d. Collaborative activities

Through other YSRCDC grant funding, we are supporting the distribution of information and planning collaboration with Lidar data and UW map products. UW concluded a series of 3 online workshops to demonstrate new tools and resources for examining lidar-derived forest structure and condition. The first two workshops were held in late January (Optional SSARR Lidar Pre-Workshop: ArcGIS Online and accessing data) and Feb 3 (SSARR Lidar Workshop – Part 1) and a third workshop took place on May 12 (SSARR Lidar Workshop – Part 2). All workshops were well attended by collaborators and stakeholders from local, regional, state and federal agencies and organizations. Recordings of the workshop and associated materials and maps were shared with all interested parties.

3. Forest Health and Fire Protection Project Planning

a. Collecting existing plans and project information

Several meetings with SNC and key collaborators took place in order to evaluate and determine next steps in the project planning process. Much activity is expected in Q3 as we move forward with the planning process.

b. Designing the planning process

The south's prioritization process has been ongoing. This information will set the stage for further plan development, which will be the next phase of our program. We will continue to coordinate with American Forests on this deliverable. 3 meetings were held between AF and Y/S to evaluate past work and determine next steps.

c. Outreach and involvement of stakeholders and the public

We held or participated in several meetings with various partners/stakeholders this quarter to discuss project and planning ideas. These include, but are not limited to, Visalia Convention and Visitors Bureau, Fresno/Clovis Convention & Visitors Bureau, Visit Yosemite, Madera County and Yosemite Mariposa County Tourism Bureau.

d. Application of scientific methodologies or best practices

None this quarter.

e. Project prioritization

An evaluation of the prioritization process took place with much activity anticipated in the upcoming quarter.

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f. Other planning activities

A handful of meetings were held with partners during the reporting period to discuss planning ideas and future priorities including several meeting with Firesafe Councils.

4. Forest Health and Fire Protection Project Development

a. Completing design of projects

None to report this quarter.

b. Obtaining funding for projects

The EA funding proposal was worked on throughout the reporting period, according the SNC's requests. A proposal for SNC's Vibrant Recreation and Tourism grant was also submitted.

c. Completing environmental or other permitting for projects

None to report this quarter.

d. Other project development activities

None to report this quarter.

5. Demonstration Project Implementation

a. Project implementation activities

N/A

b. Project evaluation activities

N/A

6. Subgrant Administration

a. Project Reporting

N/A

b. Administration and/or oversight of subgrants or fiscal agency recipients

N/A

c. Other

N/A

7. Regional Communication and Collaboration

a. Communication or collaboration with other Geographies

Due to several transitions in staff, not much of this took place this quarter though we plan to change that in upcoming months.

b. Participation in any multi-regional conferences, workshops, and webinars

N/A

Status of Specific Deliverables to Date

In addition to the above, please report on any specific deliverables included in Exhibit A of your grant agreement).

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1. Task Deliverables

a. Task 1: Capacity Building

- Capacity Building Plan (Due April 30, 2020) – submitted and approved.
 - Capacity Building activities are ongoing based on regional need. Working with consultants on internal capacity building.
- Grant Application for Demonstration Project – Graham Landscape project applied for and approved

b. Task 2: Subregional Plan Development

- Create and Distribute Outreach/Educational Materials (Due with quarterly reports) – ongoing as outreach occurs and materials are distributed.
- Developed Sub-regional Plan and Project Prioritization Strategy (Due December 2022)
 - Ongoing; progress highlighted in this report.

2. Reporting Deliverables

- First quarterly progress report (Due April 30, 2020) – submitted
- Second quarterly progress report (Due July 31, 2020) – submitted
- Third quarterly progress report (Due October 31, 2020) –submitted
- Fourth quarterly progress report (Due January 31, 2021) – submitted
- Fifth quarterly progress report (Due May 10, 2021) – submitted
- Sixth quarterly progress report (Due July 31, 2021 – extended to August 6, 2021) – submitted
- Seventh quarterly progress report (Due October 31, 2021) – submitted
- Eighth quarterly progress report (Due Jan 31, 2022) -submitted
- Ninth quarterly progress report (Due March 30, 2022) -submitted
- Eleventh quarterly progress report (Due June July 31, 2022) - submitted

Challenges Encountered

Have you completed the ‘Next Steps’ work as stated in your last Progress Report? If not, please describe any issues that have made or will make completing the project on time difficult; include solutions you initiated to resolve problems. If your project is not on schedule, please explain why here.

Communication and cooperation with key partners, stakeholders, and land managers is ongoing.

Many of the challenges reported in previous quarters remain (COVID-19 pandemic, partner availability/turnaround, YSRCDC understaffing, others). We are pleased to have a new hire for the Outreach Coordinator. This should alleviate some challenges associated with understaffing once we have her trained and caught up to speed.

Successes Achieved

Please describe any successes or opportunities that have emerged during this reporting period.

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Media

Please provide a description along with copies or links of any coverage including social media posts, print, video, press release, or webpages.

Compare Actual Costs to Budgeted Costs

Please refer to your grant agreement for the budget categories and budgeted costs.

Project Budget Categories	Budgeted Subgrant Dollars	Total Expenditures to date
Staff Salary/Benefits	\$43,000	\$29,226.79
Materials/Supplies	\$2,000	\$442.08
Subcontracts	\$16,600	\$13,537.50
Travel	\$400	\$529.92
Admin Overhead (10%)	\$6,200	\$3,995.84
GRAND TOTAL	\$68,000	\$47,732.13

Please provide additional budget details as needed

Provide an explanation for any categories that are over budget. If you are on an advance payment schedule, list interest earned on advanced funds.

No categories are over budget; we are on a reimbursement schedule.

Do you anticipate any challenges to completing the project within established budget category amounts?

If so, please list the budget categories in question and describe the potential issues.

We do not currently anticipate any challenges with project completion.

Next Steps

Work anticipated in the next three months, including location and timing of any scheduled events related to the project.

Next steps for Q3 include the following:

- Continued check-ins and collaboration with American Forests, as appropriate.
- Continue building priority list of projects and partner collaboration.
- Continued collaboration of organizations and determination of capacity needs and opportunities.
- Increase partner communication and meeting participation to support RFFCP objectives.
- Work SNC representative to streamline regional coordination, as appropriate.

Comments

Please list any other important items/issues pertaining to the project which have not been addressed elsewhere.

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Additional Requirements

If you have been requested to provide information on other issues (such as employment benefits, benefits to priority populations, greenhouse gas reductions, etc.), please provide the response below:

N/A