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## **Sierra Nevada Conservancy seeks public input for \$10M in grant awards**

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The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) said it's seeking public input on proposed modifications to its next round of grant solicitations.

The SNC has about \$10 million to award under its Proposition 84 Safe Drinking Water Bond Act of 2006 grant program. Public input will be incorporated into the FY 2011-12 and 2012-13 programs, which will be presented to the SNC governing board at its June 2 meeting in Sacramento.

Grant funding will only be awarded to projects that are consistent with Prop. 84 guidelines. Such projects include those that protect and restore rivers, lakes and streams, their watersheds and associated land, water and other natural resources. Public agencies, qualifying nonprofit organizations and federally recognized tribal entities are eligible to apply.

Anyone interested in providing input on the proposed grant program changes is asked to review the public comment paper and complete a brief online survey by close of business May 19. Links to the public comment paper and survey can be found on the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's homepage at: [www.sierranevada.ca.gov](http://www.sierranevada.ca.gov)