



# SIERRA NEVADA ALLIANCE

## ANNUAL REPORT

### FISCAL YEAR 2001-02

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This fiscal year Sierra Nevada Alliance underwent a number of organizational transitions while simultaneously doing a significant amount of protection and restoration work in the Sierra.

#### **Community Group Support Program Growing**

The Alliance coalition grew to eighty organizations spanning the range from the Susanville area all the way down to Kernville. To support this vibrant network the Alliance provided information, networking, and funding. The Alliance gave out a seventh round of Futures Fund mini grants to five organizations supporting a broad range of activities, from land trust strategic planning to monitoring timber harvest plans to an Art Project for conservation. This year, the Alliance also launched the Alliance Sierra Weekly – an electronic update for member groups and allies featuring news articles, events, and items of interest about the Sierra.

#### **Resource Protection and Restoration Program Secures More Resources for Sierra**

The Alliance continued to work aggressively for land, air, and water protection and restoration for the Sierra Nevada. The Sierra Water program secured a \$200,000 grant for a watershed assessment of the upper Carson River basin and additional money to organize two successful Creek Days educating the community through hands-on restoration projects. In addition, the Alliance was chosen to receive a three year \$500,000 federal grant to support citizen monitoring training and community restoration demonstration projects in watersheds throughout the Sierra. The Alliance also researched the health of 24 Sierra watersheds and surveyed watershed groups throughout the region for a report to be produced in the next year.

The Sierra Lands project was busy promoting the protection of open space, wildlife habitat, working landscapes, and scenic vistas. As a result of Alliance networking in the previous year, a formal network of land trusts formed the Sierra Cascade Land Trust Council to build the capacity of the land trusts and collectively attract more resources for Sierra conservation.

The Alliance also actively participated in the Sierra Conservancy Working Group which proposed the need for and formation of a state body to fund conservation efforts in the Sierra. While the Sierra comprises 20% of the state's land mass, the Sierra range receives less than 1%

of state funding for conservation outside of the Tahoe Basin.

In partnership with the California Rangeland Trust and California Cattlemen's Association, the Alliance also produced and released to the media and public the report *Sierra Nevada Grazing in Transition: The Role of Forest Service Grazing in the Foothill Ranches of California* researched and written by University of California at Berkeley researchers. This report documented that most Sierra ranchers would prefer to lease more land in the foothills when faced with reductions in forest service grazing. The report also highlighted the problem of the foothill working landscapes being increasingly under development pressure.

Finally, the Alliance joined the steering committee of the national Ski Area Citizen's Coalition to grade ski areas for their impacts on water quality, wildlands, traffic congestion and air quality. In the winter of 2002 the Alliance released report card results gaining news coverage around the range. Hopefully, the report card and related efforts will encourage all ski areas in the Sierra Nevada to earn A grades over time.

#### **Organizational Transitions Bring New Energy and Renewed Commitment**

With help from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, the Alliance undertook an executive director search and board development process. Laurel Ames, the first Executive Director of the Alliance, retired in December of 2001 after providing years of valuable service that saw the Alliance grow from operating at her kitchen table into an active coalition of over 80 groups throughout the Sierra working on water and land conservation efforts. Joan Clayburgh, assumed the directorship in December, bringing extensive experience managing community based coalitions, directing campaigns and media, and possessing a passionate connection to the Sierra. The board of directors identified new skills and resources to bring to the organization and launched a process to expand the board.

The Alliance moves into this next fiscal year full of new energy and a renewed commitment to fulfill its mission of protecting and restoring the natural resources of the Sierra while ensuring healthy and sustainable communities.

Joan Clayburgh  
Executive Director

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**JULY 1, 2001 - JUNE 30, 2002**

<i>ASSETS</i> <sup>1</sup>	
Cash	\$46,428
Equipment (less depreciation)	\$ 108
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$46,536</b>
<i>LIABILITIES</i>	
Accrued Employment Taxes/ Vacation	\$ 6,174
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 6,174</b>
<i>EQUITY AND NET WORTH</i>	
Net Worth <sup>2</sup>	\$40,362
 <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET WORTH</b>	 <b>\$46,536</b>

*Notes to Balance Sheet*

- <sup>1</sup> The assets the Alliance carries on its balance sheet are cash, receivables, and equipment (less depreciation)
- <sup>2</sup> The positive net worth arises from funds pledged to specific programs which have been funded by major grants, received in advance of the spending of the monies. Use of the majority of the monies in the money market fund is restricted to funding programs for which the grants were received.

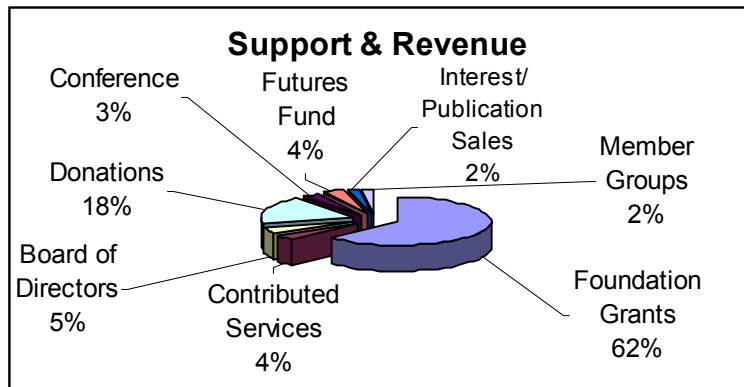
*Assets decreased by \$71,716, and Liabilities decreased by \$887 from fiscal year 00-01.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT June 30, 2002

**SUPPORT & REVENUE**

Foundation Grants	\$109,813
Contributed Services	\$ 5,862
Board of Directors	\$ 7,870
Donations	\$ 29,480
Conference	\$ 4,894
Futures Fund	\$ 6,000
Interest/Publication Sales	\$ 3,259
Member Groups	\$ 3,825
 <b>TOTAL</b>	 <b>\$165,003*</b>

\*Expenses in excess of revenue paid for from reserves from previous years



**EXPENSES**

Personnel	\$150,114
Fundraising	\$ 5,232
Community Group Support	\$ 11,681
Operating	\$ 26,817
Resource Protection	\$ 12,213
Org. Effectiveness	\$ 29,775
Depreciation	\$ 2,681
 <b>TOTAL</b>	 <b>\$238,513</b>

