

# Sierra CAMP Guiding Principles

The Sierra region is extremely vulnerable to climate change. Now is the time to invest our resources in adapting to and mitigating the accelerating impacts of climate change, including wildfire, decreased snow pack, loss of water supply, air quality degradation, flooding, heat waves, and more.

Sierra CAMP fosters a collective voice on state policy as it relates to climate impacts that jeopardize the future environmental, economic and social prosperity of the Sierra. These are our guiding principles:

**Facilitate Urban-Rural Connections:** Build relationships between Sierra Nevada communities and downstream communities, educate urban areas, leverage resources, facilitate joint planning, and work toward greater investment in mutually beneficial ecosystem restoration and working lands conservation.

**Regional Economic Development:** Support measures to grow investment in and incubate natural resource-related industries such as sustainable forestry and tourism to benefit Sierra Nevada communities, including associated workforce development. Secure economic resilience by promoting energy efficiency, affordable housing, and sustainable business practices in communities.

**Integrated, Landscape-Level Approaches:** Prioritize regional and landscape-level approaches to climate adaptation and mitigation. Draw on partnerships across sectors, regions, agencies, and different levels of government to support healthy forests and watersheds.

**Ensure Access to Grants and Funding:** Overcome barriers Sierra Nevada communities face in accessing funding and grants for projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, restore ecosystems, and promote sustainable communities. Find supplemental delivery mechanisms and ensure funding guidelines do not unnecessarily preclude Sierra Nevada communities. Identify sustainable funding sources for climate adaptation and mitigation.

**Forest and Meadow Restoration:** Promote management of Sierra Nevada forest and meadow ecosystems to protect ecosystem services including carbon storage, water security, current and future wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities and community vitality for Sierra Nevada communities and downstream Californians who rely on those resources. Use best practices in reducing wildfire risk and increasing biomass utilization in part by seeking projects funded by public/private partnerships. Promote mechanisms that support state and federal land management coordination.

**Prioritize Multiple Benefits:** Emphasize multiple and co-benefits achieved by projects, and fast-track standardizing methods for quantifying co-benefits in ecosystem restoration, public health, and other ecosystem services at multiple levels of government.