

Please save the date for an informational webinar on the ***Resilient Lands and Waters Initiative – California Headwaters Partnership*** on **April 27, 2016**, from **10:00-11:00am PDT**. The US Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy will be co-hosting this session for attendees to learn more about the Resilient Lands and Waters Initiative, California Headwaters Partnership, Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program and the associated watershed assessments, and other existing collaborative efforts in the California Headwaters region.

Speakers:

- **Barnie Gyant**, Deputy Regional Forester, U.S. Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region
- **Jim Branham**, Executive Officer, Sierra Nevada Conservancy
- **Leslie Jones**, Chief of Staff, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment
- **Jennifer Montgomery**, County Supervisor, Placer County, District 5
- **Eli Ilano**, Forest Supervisor, U.S. Forest Service, Tahoe National Forest

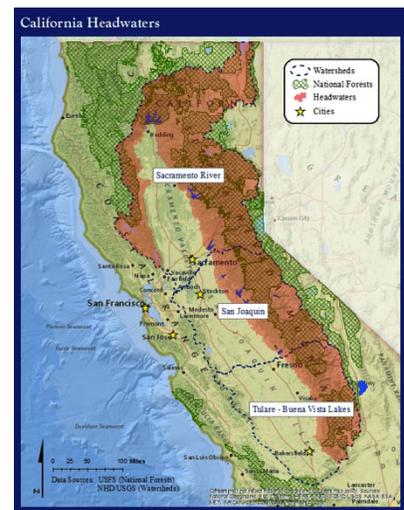
Registration: [Pre-registration](#) is required by April 25, 2016. Capacity will be limited to 100 participants. Registrants will be emailed a link to the webinar and conference call information prior to the webinar.

Recording: The webinar will be recorded. For those that cannot attend, the webinar will be available on the Forest Service and Sierra Nevada Conservancy webpages.

Background: Last summer, the [California Headwaters Partnership](#) (CHP) was one of seven regions in the United States named as a *Resilient Lands and Waters* region, as called for in the President's Priority Agenda for Enhancing the Climate Resilience of America's Natural Resources. The U.S. Forest Service and California Natural Resources Agency (via the Sierra Nevada Conservancy) are leading this effort together to:

- Identify and map priority areas for conservation, restoration, or other investments,
- Build resilience and enhance carbon storage capacity, and
- Develop landscape-scale strategies to assist in planning and management activities

The CHP was the only region announced that is co-led by a state and federal agency, speaking to the collaborative nature of the work in the California Headwaters region. The process used to identify and quantify forest and watershed restoration will be organized through the Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program, with the goal of making California's forests and watersheds more resilient to wildfire, climate change, and invasive species.



The Resilient Lands and Waters Initiative will put a national spotlight on existing collaborative efforts and demonstrate that by organizing at a landscape scale, Federal, state, tribal, and local partners are able to improve their ability to plan for the future and address climate impacts across jurisdictional boundaries. By tracking successes and lessons learned from these efforts, this initiative is expected to encourage the development of similar resilience efforts in other areas.

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