

# THE FUTURE OF THE SIERRA NEVADA WATERSHED



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Considering the economic climate and the overreaching demand for water in the watershed, working cooperatively with state and federal natural resource agencies, landowners, land managers, and community-based organizations are essential to protecting the future of the Sierra Nevada watershed for water storage, flow, quality and conveyance. Looming water grabs will outstrip the supply unless significant steps are taken to properly manage and protect the forest.

- **Managing Wildland Fire**  
– *The challenges – fiscal – environmental*
- **Meadow Restoration**  
– *Who benefits from the sequestered water ?*
- **Biomass Projects**  
– *What will it take to make it economically feasible ?*  
– *What are other potential impacts ?*
- **Climate Change**  
– *Are we prepared, who will benefit, who will not ?*
- **Logging Timber**  
– *Will it reduce wildland fires and mitigate climate change ?*  
– *What are other potential impacts ?*
- **Fiscal and Legal Challenges**  
– *Who pays? Getting the State and Federal resource agencies to invest in the lifeblood of the State of California*