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Kings River Conservancy Receives Grant to Build Staff Capacity

The Kings River Conservancy has been awarded \$112,600 from the California Council of Land Trusts (CCLT) for the purpose of staff capacity building, specifically to hire a full-time executive director to further the Conservancy's projects.

“This grant will enable the Kings River Conservancy to expand its plans to restore and preserve more river lands for its community's enjoyment,” said Vernon Crowder, Executive Director, Kings River Conservancy.

The Kings River Conservancy will begin the hiring process of a new executive director as early as December as a result of the grant.

The CCLT will grant more than \$1 million in funding to 11 organizations as part of the Capacity Building Grant Program to support land trusts and their partners in advancing the goals of 30x30 and the Natural and Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy (NWLCS), and in building and sustaining partnerships.

CCLT received 54 applications, with requests of almost \$6 million for a \$1.1 million pool of available funds. Grants were awarded in four categories: 1) Organizational Capacity Building, 2) Building and Sustaining Partnerships, 3) Strategic Planning for Natural and Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy & 30x30, and 4) Demonstration Projects. Generous support for this grant

program is provided by the California Department of Conservation through the Climate Smart Lands Management Program.

“CCLT is thrilled to be able to support these incredible organizations in partnership with the Department of Conservation,” said Bridget Fithian, CCLT Board Chair. “We hope that these funds and the additional capacity building support provided alongside these grants will give our conservation partners across the state an essential boost toward achieving our shared goals.”

The Kings River Conservancy is a non-profit organization dedicated to encouraging public safety and sound public conservation practices along the Kings River corridor from Pine Flat Dam to Highway 99. Their mission is to protect, enhance and educate people about the Kings River. They participate in functions such as invasive species removal, a trout incubator house to release trout into the river, youth education programs, and maintaining safe public trails and access points along the river.

For more information about the Kings River Conservancy, or the executive director position, contact the Kings River Conservancy at 559-787-9500 or visit www.kingsriverconservancy.org.

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