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## **\$27.5M Headed to the Sierra**

Nearly \$30 million in state grant money is being poured into the Sierra Nevada, including more than \$2 million that may go to purchasing property in the Martis Valley.

California Secretary for Resources Mike Chrisman announced Friday that 15 Sierra Nevada communities will receive \$27.5 million to protect water quality and habitat.

“These projects will protect more than 8,500 acres of working landscape and open space that, if developed, would decrease water quality in the region and degrade habitat values,” Chrisman said in a release.

The release listed the Truckee Donner Land Trust as a grant recipient of nearly \$2.1 million for the Waddle Ranch acquisition, one of the remaining undeveloped properties in the Martis Valley. The land trust also is earmarked to receive \$650,000 for a purchase in the Upper Gregory Creek-Negro Canyon area.

Other regional grant recipients, contingent on state environmental compliance, include:

- Placer County — Snow Creek SEZ Acquisition, \$1.8 million
- California Wildlife Foundation — Lake Tahoe Upper Truckee River Restoration and Recreation Project, \$3 million

In 2002, California voters passed Proposition 50, the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act.