

CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
AKA CNRCC (THE CALIFORNIA/NEVADA REGIONAL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE)

We are the conservation arm of Sierra Club California, and have the primary responsibility for determining, interpreting, and applying Sierra Club policy on conservation issues of statewide significance. Our role is to study issues, develop policy, and coordinate and implement projects and programs for conservation issues that extend across chapter boundaries to all or part of California. Matters unique to a single chapter should be referred to the chapter.

Policy: You can find out whether the CNRCC has taken a position on a conservation issue by consulting the [Resolutions Summary Matrix](#). New state conservation policy is created by the CNRCC at one of their four annual meetings. New policy is especially useful when staff or advocates want to take a public position or action. Prior to each CNRCC general meeting, the chapter ExCom or CNRCC issue committee submits a formal resolution to the CNRCC chair or a vice chair using the [CNRCC template](#).

Conservation work: The actual conservation work of the CNRCC is done by almost 20 committees and task forces, which are managed by the Steering Committee. These committees research and monitor issues, attend statewide government meetings, propose conservation policy, and run statewide conservation campaigns. You can find out more about issue committees [here](#). We hope you will participate in our statewide conservation work by joining one of our issues committees.

Membership: The CNRCC is composed of 58 delegates; 26 of whom are appointed executive committees of the 13 California Sierra Club including the Toiyabe Chapter, which contains Nevada and parts of Eastern California, 24 of whom are appointed by the CNRCC Steering Committee, and 8 CNRCC Steering Committee members.

Leadership: The Steering Committee organizes the work of the committee and implements its decisions. The Steering Committee builds meeting agendas, sends out meeting minutes, maintains the website – and does whatever is needed to establish and disseminate statewide conservation policy. The Steering Committee members are:

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The California Conservation Committee will meet in teleconferenced cross-site meeting session in February and in San Luis Obispo April 27-29, 2018. We hope you will join us! All Sierra Club members are welcome. In the meantime, check out our [website](#).

Conservation Issue Committees

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