

Yosemite Conservancy Executive Committee Meeting
Amended Minutes – Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM
Via Zoom

Executive Committee Members Present: Steve Ciesinski, Dana Dornsife, Jewell Engstrom, Robyn Miller, Phillip Pillsbury, Lawson Rankin, Greg Stanger, Ann Sundby

Yosemite Conservancy Staff: Frank Dean, Kevin Gay, Schuyler Greenleaf, Marion Ingersoll, Adonia Ripple, Kimiko Martinez, Katie Smith

- **Board Chair Steve Ciesinski called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM**
- Steve Ciesinski reviewed the agenda for the meeting.
- **Phillip Pillsbury Reviewed the Pending Grants and Request from NPS**
- Phillip Pillsbury advised that the Grant Committee is recommending approval of 56 new grants totaling \$7,138,582 which the Board reviewed at the December 2023 meeting.
- Phillip Pillsbury further advised that the Grant Committee is seeking approval for \$99,500 in Aid to NPS funds for 2024.
- Phillip Pillsbury also shared the committee recommends approval of three Centennial Campaign grants totaling \$2,322,184.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the 56 new grants totaling \$7,138,582, \$99,500 in Aid to NPS funds for 2024, and three Centennial Campaign grants totaling \$2,322,184, all as shown on the attached schedule. The Executive Committee unanimously approved the motion.

The Executive Committee and Staff Discussed the Status of El Portal Housing

- Adonia Ripple went over the details of the memos for the two houses for sale in El Portal. Ms. Ripple shared the first house needs about over \$100,000 in repairs and is priced at \$260,000. The total request for this purchase would be \$375,000. The second house is in good condition and ready to go with some exception of some paint touch ups. It will be more of a competitive buy and the owner has already accepted our contingent offer. The purchase price is \$279,043 with little work needed.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the request of \$360,000 which gives flexibility of going 10% over on the purchases.
- **The Executive Committee Adjourned at 9:06 AM**

Submitted by:
Katie Smith
Executive Assistant

2024 Yosemite Conservancy Recommended Grants

Project Title	2024 Annual Grants Recommended Funding	Recommended Centennial Campaign Funding
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TOTALS: \$ 7,138,582 \$ 2,322,184

Centennial Campaign Projects		
Half Dome Corridor		\$ 1,587,612
Protecting Sequoias		\$ 406,814
Wahhoga Village-Building Design & Engineering		\$ 327,758
2024 Recommended Annual Grants		
CCC- Merced Watershed	\$ 363,090	
Legendary Valley Trails	\$ 436,513	
Valley Flooding and Drainage Study	\$ 542,495	
Ackerson Meadow: Completion Restoration	\$ 408,415	
Imperiled Carnivores: Fishers and Red Foxes	\$ 236,897	
Replace Damaged Exhibits in Exploration Center	\$ 275,806	
Stream Restoration to Protect Giant Sequoias	\$ 232,227	
Yosemite Leadership Program/WEC	\$ 214,794	
Preserving Amphibians and Aquatic Wildlife	\$ 213,224	
Keep it Wild	\$ 235,000	
Curry Gateway Restoration	\$ 208,407	
Spotted Owl Response to Changing Fire Landscape	\$ 205,926	
Preserving Bighorns, Peregrines, Songbirds	\$ 201,209	
Climbing Stewardship	\$ 194,204	
Restoring Fire in Black Oak Groves	\$ 142,429	
Tribal Priorities	\$ 165,892	
Junior Ranger Program	\$ 157,390	
Great Gray Owl Protection	\$ 142,252	
Tribal Plant Gathering Agreement EA	\$ 128,769	
Puppy Dome Meadow Restoration	\$ 131,933	
Big Wall Bats and White-Nose Syndrome	\$ 118,871	
Pollinator Hotshots	\$ 116,000	
Ask A Climber	\$ 113,006	
Protect Tuolumne Meadows	\$ 110,616	
Sustained RMS Support	\$ 210,559	
Revitalizing the Glacier Point Geology Hut	\$ 106,918	
Visitor Use Monitoring to Preserve Resources	\$ 101,502	
Protecting Pate Valley: Cultural Fuel Treatments	\$ 97,971	
Adventure Risk Challenge	\$ 80,000	
Science Strategy (Year 3)	\$ 75,696	
PSAR	\$ 69,616	
Wildlink	\$ 69,094	
Village Landscape Improvements	\$ 68,448	
Culture Connections Event Series	\$ 65,825	
Workforce DEIA	\$ 62,483	

2024 Yosemite Conservancy Recommended Grants

Project Title	2024 Annual Grants Recommended Funding	Recommended Centennial Campaign Funding
Bike Share	\$ 55,900	
Tribal Internships in Resource Careers	\$ 41,900	
Alpine Plants in a Changing Climate	\$ 54,478	
United in Yosemite	\$ 53,949	
Valley Picnic area - Scope and Accessibility Study	\$ 51,690	
Repair Interpretive Bases and Waysides	\$ 51,428	
Monitoring the Momentous	\$ 49,835	
Resources Stewardship Volunteer Coordinator	\$ 45,711	
Cultural Demonstration Video for Museum	\$ 44,100	
Yosemite Nature Notes	\$ 42,180	
Horses at the Heart	\$ 41,600	
Geoportal	\$ 31,118	
Parks in Focus	\$ 30,744	
Yosemite Mental Health & Wellness	\$ 25,000	
Predicting the Next Beetle Attack	\$ 19,240	
Retention Through Connection	\$ 11,232	
Veterans Education and Leadership Seminar	\$ 10,400	
Vehicle Management Systems Pilot	\$ 174,600	
TOTALS: \$		7,138,582 \$ 2,322,184
TOTAL RECOMMENDED 2024 FUNDING		\$ 9,460,766