AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009
SECTION 1511 CERTIFICATION

Sierra Nevada Alliance
Evaluating Land Use Practices in Sierra Nevada Watershed And their Impact on Water Quality
Project No.: C-06-6948-110
Agreement No.: 08-341-550

The authorized representative of the State Water Resources Control Board hereby certifies, and/or affirms that the Evaluating Land Use Practices in Sierra Nevada Watershed and their Impact on Water Quality (Project) has received the full review and vetting required by law and that such representative accepts responsibility that the Project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. Subject to the provisions of the Financing Agreement, the following general description is provided in order to comply with Section 1511 of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA):

- Project description: The Project, commonly known as Evaluating Land Use Practices in Sierra Nevada Watersheds and their Impact on Water Quality, generally consists of highly visible demonstration Best Management Practice (BMP) projects which will be implemented in Sierra communities through workdays, further developing homeowner involvement in NPS control. This Project addresses common and historic non-point source (NPS) pollution from land uses affecting the Sierra Nevada range by targeting community watershed groups, homeowners and policy-makers to contribute in implementation of control measures. Watershed groups will contribute by monitoring chemical, physical and habitat parameters to identify problematic land use practices in Sierra waterways. Watershed groups will also participate in two trainings; NPS site evaluation; and a seminar on model policy and ordinances that offer pollution prevention strategies. Two guides will be created to target homeowners and policy-makers contribution in pollutant load reductions from land use practices. Community forums will be hosted to engage watershed groups, agencies, homeowners and policy-makers in watershed and land use management, as more particularly described in the financial assistance application of the Agency and the accepted plans and specifications for the Project.

- Estimated total cost of the Project: One million, two hundred thirty-seven thousand, eight hundred thirty-three dollars and no cents ($1,237,833).

- Type of assistance: Full principal forgiveness.

- Estimated amount of ARRA funds to be used: One hundred ninety-six thousand, five hundred sixty-one dollars and no cents ($196,561).

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

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Date: 6/25/09