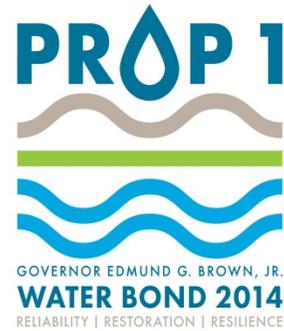




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***Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program***

**2016-17 Concept Proposal Staff Recommendation**

<b>Project Title</b>	Headwater Mercury Source Reduction Strategy: Hydraulic Mines and Debris Control Dams Inventory, Evaluation and Pilot Project Remediation for the Yuba and Bear River Watersheds		
<b>Applicant</b>	The Sierra Fund		
<b>Project Number</b>	Prop 1-1610	<b>Category</b>	1
<b>County</b>	Nevada	<b>Funding Request</b>	\$181,619.86
<b>Score</b>	Disqualified	<b>Total Project Cost</b>	\$321,744.86

**Staff Recommendation:**

The Headwater Mercury Source Reduction Strategy: Hydraulic Mines and Debris Control Dams Inventory, Evaluation and Pilot Project Remediation for the Yuba and Bear River Watersheds (Prop 1-1610) project submitted by the Sierra Fund was disqualified from consideration for funding for the Delta Conservancy’s Prop 1 grant program.

**Project Description:**

This project proposes to develop of a Headwater Mercury Source Reduction Strategy that will inventory, rank, prioritize, and select headwater mercury sources for remediation. The strategy would be used by the US Forest Service to prioritize one to two mine remediation projects per year for federal funding. Mercury from these upper watersheds contributes to the mercury load present in the Delta. Since the project is a planning effort and is not directly related to a specific Category 2 implementation project, it was considered ineligible per the Conservancy’s grant guidelines.