




## Schwarzenegger announces Sierra Nevada venture

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**Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger says private donors have raised \$25 million to help the state protect the Sierra Nevada.**

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The governor made the announcement Wednesday at a news conference in Truckee.

Most of the money comes from the Morgan Family Foundation and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation. Each gave \$10 million.

The money will be used to fund a public-private partnership between the state and the Northern Sierra Partnership. The group is a coalition of two local land trusts, a regional business council and two conservation organizations.

Schwarzenegger says the partners will seek to preserve open space and working farms, create recreation areas, protect rivers and streams, and reduce wildfire risks. It also will address the effects of climate change in the northern Sierra.

The region stretches from the east fork of the Carson river south of Lake Tahoe to the border of Lassen Volcanic National Park.