

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency) Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205
Auburn, CA 95603

County Clerk
County of Modoc
108 E. Modoc Street
Alturas, CA 96101

(Address)

Project Title: Dry Creek Ecological Site-Watershed Restoration Plan (SNC #1124)

Project Location - Specific:

The 6,630-acre project area is located in eastern Modoc County, northeast of Alturas within the Modoc National Forest. The project area also includes private lands. The project site is located within the headwaters of the Upper Pit River Watershed.

Project Location - City: East of Alturas Project Location - County: Modoc

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding in the amount of \$97,400 to the Modoc Resource Conservation District to complete site assessments and surveys, restoration design, archaeology and biological surveys, CEQA/NEPA documentation, and permit applications. The planning efforts will develop a watershed restoration plan that focuses on achieving a healthy, diverse vegetative complex by encouraging plant species that are part of the ecological site description to occupy areas previously dominated by juniper. The plan will identify landscape restoration recommendations and develop four initial projects that could be implemented in the near term.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Modoc Resource Conservation District

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15306, "Information Collection"
Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Section 15262, "Feasibility and Planning Studies"

Reasons why project is exempt:

This is a planning project involving the preparation of environmental compliance documents; it does not involve physical alterations to the environment. Specific actions include project site surveys, restoration design, preparation of NEPA and CEQA compliance documents, and acquisition of permits for future restoration projects. The future restoration projects have not been approved, and the completion of these environmental documents will not have a legally binding effect on future activities.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Shannon Ciotti Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 823-4689

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 3/14/19 Title: A.E.O.

- Signed by Lead Agency
Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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