

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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County Clerk

County of: Lassen
220 S Lassen St, #5
Susanville, CA 96130

From: (Public Agency): Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blocker Dr, Suite 205
Auburn, CA 95603

(Address)

Project Title: Parks Ranch Strategic Land Conservation Easement (SNC# 1158-LC)

Project Applicant: California Rangeland Trust

Project Location - Specific:

Multiple parcels between 4 and 20 miles south of Adin along Hwy 139, bordering Modoc National Forest. Bounded on the S by Said Valley Reservoir, the E by Butte Rd, and the W by Lost Valley Reservoir. Property headquarters at 41.1282424, -120.9279286

Project Location - City: 12 mi S of Adin Project Location - County: Lassen

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This planning project will complete due diligence for the potential placement of a conservation easement on a working cattle ranch, including the development of an appraisal, baseline documentation report, environmental site assessment, and draft conservation easement. The project will protect a high priority working landscape and unique habitats that complete habitat connectivity with thousands of acres of bordering public lands.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Rangeland Trust

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: Class 6 Section 15306 Information Collection
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies

Reasons why project is exempt:

This is a planning and due diligence project completing surveys and studies for the potential placement of a conservation easement on a private working cattle ranch; it does not involve physical alterations to the environment. Completion of the planning and due diligence effort will not have a legally binding effect on future activities.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jamie Sammut Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 823-4688

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: 12/16/19 Title: Deputy Executive Officer

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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