



Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: Plumas
520 Main St, #102
Quincy CA 95971

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

Project Title: Farnworth Ranch Conservation Easement (SNC# 1169-LC)

Project Applicant: Feather River Land Trust

Project Location - Specific:

Approx. 3 mi east of the community of East Quincy, on both sides of Hwy 70 at the intersection of Chander Rd, bordering Plumas National Forest. 39.9364166, -120.8626597.

Project Location - City: Approx. 3 mi E of Quincy Project Location - County: Plumas

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will complete due diligence and planning for the placement of a conservation easement on a 276-acre ranch. Activities include developing an appraisal, management plan, property surveys, baseline conditions report, environmental site assessment, and other transaction related documents. The intent of the conservation easement would be to protect the significant open space, wildlife habitat, and continued agricultural values.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Feather River Land 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 purchase of a conservation easement for ecological and working lands protection; 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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