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## **Notice of Exemption**

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Project Title: Squaw Creek North Meadow Restoration Project

Project Number: ESD19-00307

APN#: 096-060-054-000, 096-221-013-000

Project Location: Squaw Creek: north side of Resort of Squaw Creek Golf Course, approximately ½ mile west of Highway 89 between Tahoe City and Truckee

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The Squaw Creek Meadow Enhancement shall restore flow to relict channel systems on the north side of Squaw Creek. The purpose of the project is to implement a project to achieve the Squaw Creek TMDL, and enhance aquatic and terrestrial habitat. The project methodologies utilize natural and biostabilization techniques consisting of fill sourced from the local area, willows, and plugs harvested from the adjacent meadow. The project will enhance aquatic and terrestrial habitat, migration corridors, groundwater surface water interaction, and capture carbon and reduce greenhouse gasses, and protect meadow systems. The project mitigates past construction of artificial drainages, by dispersing water across the meadow and relict system. The project reduces sediment to Squaw Creek by allowing it to drap out in

dispersing water across the meadow and relict system. The project reduces sediment to Squaw Creek by allowing it to drop out in the meadows, and reduces the concentration of flow dispersing the point source contribution. Reducing bedload transport and fine sediment carried in suspension to Squaw Creek contributes to achieving the water quality objective of the Squaw Creek and Truckee River TMDL. Reducing sediment loads improves water quality and thus spawning and rearing habitat for fish.

Restoration improves hydrologic connectivity and may extend the duration of flows into Squaw Creek benefitting fisheries habitat.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Placer County Board of Supervisors

Entitlement/Action Date		
Grading Permit / November 5, 2019	POSTEDNOV: 2 7 2019	,**
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:	Through	
Placer County Community Development Resource Agency	RYAN RONCO, COUNTY CLERK	1
	By C. Whelle	
Exempt Status: (check one)	Deputy Clerk	
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	s 33 Small Habitat Restoration Project/Section	n 15333
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:		

Reasons why project is exempt: Project does not exceed 5 acres in size, there are no significant adverse impacts on endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat pursuant to Section 15065, there are no hazardous materials at or around the project site that may be disturbed or removed, and the project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past project, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects in that the project is intended to maintain, restore, enhance and protect habitat for fish, plants and wildlife by restoring Squaw Creek along the north side of the Resort at Squaw Creek golf course.

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