

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency): Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 201
Auburn, CA 95603

County Clerk
County of:

(Address)

Project Title: Hanning Flat Acquisition Project (SNC 1152-LC)

Project Applicant: The Trust for Public Land

Project Location - Specific:

Kern County, South Fork Kern River watershed. 3803 ac. property 8 mi. NE of Lake Isabella, 3 mi. NW of Weldon, 45 mi. NE of Bakersfield. Bounded on the E by the Canebrake Ecological Reserve, on the SE by the Kern River Preserve, and on the N and W by BLM property.

Project Location - City: 8mi NE of Lake Isabella Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project will transfer deed ownership of the 3,803 ac. Hanning Flat property to a local non-profit who will continue to manage the property as a working ranch. This property will connect over 10,000 ac. of public and privately conserved lands for wildlife corridors, habitat for a variety of plant and animal species, and serve as a strategic location for fire management in a high fire hazard landscape. It will maintain land-based economic benefits, protect a high-profile scenic property, and provide for public access.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: The Trust for Public Land

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 25, Section 15325, Transfers of Ownership
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is a Transfer of Ownership of Interest In Land to Preserve Existing Natural Conditions and Historical Resources. There are multiple purposes to protecting the property, including continued agricultural use, habitat, and open space. There will be no change to the primary land use and no physical alterations to the environment.

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: 3/6/2020 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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