

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 201
Auburn, CA 95603

County Clerk
County of: Amador
810 Court Street
Jackson, CA 95642

(Address)

Project Title: Tiger Creek Fuel Break and Watershed Protection Project - SNC 1200

Project Applicant: Amador Fire Safe Council

Project Location - Specific:

Eastern Amador County near the border of Calaveras County around the community of Pioneer and along Tiger Creek Reservoir on Bureau of Land Management property. Center of project approximately at -120.513, 38.439 degrees.

Project Location - City: Pioneer Project Location - County: Amador

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide \$834,126.00 in funding for forest management and fuel reduction activities including approximately 220 acres of new fuel break construction, 6.4 acres of upgrading existing fuel breaks, and 41 acres of vegetation clearance along roadways necessary for ingress and egress. The project would occur entirely within BLM land and would be a part of the larger Tiger Creek Fuel Break and Watershed Protection project. The treatments aim to protect water quality, reduce risk of catastrophic fire to nearby communities, increase forest resiliency.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Amador Fire Safe Council

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: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(d)(1)

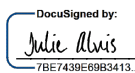
Reasons why project is exempt:

CEQA does not apply to prescribed fire, thinning, or fuel reduction projects undertaken on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed under NEPA if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding for fuel reduction on federal land managed by the BLM. The proposed activities were reviewed in their entirety pursuant to NEPA, including through resource surveys, preparation of applicable specialist reports, and a Decision Memo documenting why the project qualified for a Categorical Exclusion. The Tiger Creek Fuel Break and Watershed Protection Decision Memo was signed August 22, 2019

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:  Date: 6/4/2020 Title: Deputy Executive Officer

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____