

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 205
Auburn, CA 95603

County Clerk

County of: Calaveras
891 Mountain Ranch Road, Building D
San Andreas, CA 95249

Project Title:

Tiger Creek Fuel Break and Watershed Protection Project – South. SNC1200 - SCH
2020060162

Project Location – Specific:

Western Calaveras County, 3.25 miles NW of the town of West Point on Bureau of Land
Management property. Adjacent to the Tiger Creek Reservoir. Center of project
approximately 38°26'31.2"N and 120°30'7.1994"W

Project Location - City: Northeast of Pioneer and Northwest of West Point.

Project Location - County: Calaveras

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Using Sierra Nevada Conservancy grant funding, the Amador Fire Safe Council will
implement fuel reduction treatments on federal land under Bureau of Land Management
(BLM) jurisdiction. Treatments will include at least 13 acres of hand thinning work to
create a continuous fuel break system. The work is part of the larger Tiger Creek Fuel
Break and Watershed Protection project, funded under SNC grant 1200. The treatments
aim to reduce the risk of catastrophic fire to nearby communities, protect water quality,
and increase forest resiliency. This phase of work was analyzed under a BLM NEPA
Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the environmental consequences of
implementing the Tiger Creek South Fuel Break Project (CA-180-12-57). The final
Decision Record for the EA/Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was signed by the
BLM on September 27, 2012

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

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

Exempt Status:

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 the NEPA if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or
staffing for those projects. The proposed activities were reviewed in their entirety under
NEPA in the Tiger Creek South Fuel Break Project (CA-180-12-57) Environmental
Assessment, Decision Record, and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The

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Decision Record/FONSI for the Tiger Creek South Fuel Break Project was signed by BLM on September 27, 2012. An earlier phase of the project was reviewed in its entirety in the Tiger Creek Fuels Reduction and Watershed Protection Project (DOI-BLM-CA-C080-2019-0017-EA) Environmental Assessment, Decision Record, and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The Decision Record/FONSI for the Tiger Creek Fuels Reduction and Watershed Protection Project was signed by BLM on August 22, 2019.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Shannon Ciotti

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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: Julie Alvis Date: 6/9/2021 Title: Deputy Executive Officer

Signed by Lead Agency: Yes

Signed by Applicant: No

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.