



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: Butte
155 Nelson Avenue
Oroville, CA 95965-3411

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

Project Title: Acquisition to Expand and Enhance Noble Park and Oak Creek Park in Paradise, CA (SNC1271-RT)

Project Applicant: Paradise Recreation and Park District

Project Location - Specific:

Vacant lots at 1489 Pearson Rd and 6667 Nedry Drive in the Town of Paradise, Butte County, CA

Project Location - City: Paradise Project Location - County: Butte

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

SNC will provide \$220,700 to Paradise Recreation and Park District (PRPD) for the fee-title acquisition of two vacant parcels of land in the Town of Paradise. Both parcels are adjacent to existing PRPD park properties. The Oak Creek property is 2.6 acres and will expand the open green space of Oak Creek Park and provide direct access to the existing 17 acres of park lands which are currently accessed by user-created trails across private land. The Noble property is 8.9 acres of wetlands and natural areas adjacent to 12-acre Noble Park, and it will provide additional open green space and natural features to Noble Park.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Paradise Recreation and Park District

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 16, 15316 and Class 25, 15325(f)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is a simple fee-title acquisition of vacant land to expand existing public park lands. The intent of the acquisition is to increase the open space and natural habitats associated with two park properties and provide protection of natural resources on those properties. There is no ground disturbance planned as part of the acquisitions. The project is exempt under Class 16. 15316. Acquisition, sale, or other transfer of land in order to establish a park where the land is in a natural condition or contains historical or archaeological resources and the management plan for the park has not been prepared as well as Class 25. 15325. Transfers of ownership of interests in land in order to preserve open space, habitat, or historical resources; Including (f) Acquisition, sale, or other transfer to preserve open space or lands for park purposes.

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: DocuSigned by:
Julie Alwis
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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: _____