

## ATTACHMENT 2

### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:**  
Office of Planning and Research  
1400 10th Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:**  
California Tahoe Conservancy  
1061 Third Street  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

**Project Title:** Watershed Hydrosimulations Grant

**Project Location – Specific:** Lake Tahoe Basin

**Project Location – City:** N/A

**Project Location – County:** El Dorado and Placer County

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

This project would analyze how different catchment areas around Lake Tahoe are more or less vulnerable to climate change depending on topography, slope, aspect, soils, and other factors. Through this project, the Desert Research Institute will conduct research and collect information from stakeholders related to modeling simulations of climate responses.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:**

California Tahoe Conservancy (Conservancy meeting of 9/17/2020) (Agenda Item 5)

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Desert Research Institute

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial (§ 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§ 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§ 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption – Class 6 (Information Collection), Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15306

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

This project is exempt because it consists of data collection and research related to modeling, which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

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