

# Notice of Determination

# Appendix D

**To:**  
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**From:**  
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Auburn, CA 95603  
 Contact: Mary Akens  
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Lead Agency (if different from above):  
Plumas County Planning and Building  
Services  
 Address: 555 Main Street  
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**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.**

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2021030081

Project Title: Sierra Valley Wetlands Public Access Project SNC1422-RT

Project Applicant: Feather River Land Trust

Project Location (include county): The project is located within the Sierra Valley Preserve, in unincorporated Plumas County, California. It is located on land owned by the Feather River Land Trust, situated at the headwaters of the Wild and Scenic Middle Fork Feather River, approximately 2 miles south of the town of Beckwourth and 5 miles east of the city of Portola.

**Project Description:**

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) would provide funding to the Feather River Land Trust for the Sierra Valley Wetlands Public Access Project (project). The project involves development and enhancements of recreational infrastructure through the construction of approximately 2 miles of limited walking trails, boardwalks with overlook areas and wildlife viewing blinds on the east and west sides of the valley, and interpretive signage. Additional activities included within the Sierra Valley Preserve Special Use Permit, but are not funded by SNC and are outside of SNC’s authority and discretion, include improved parking and infrastructure, renovations to existing buildings and construction of new facilities. At the east and west entrances, proposed facilities include permanent restrooms. At the proposed preserve headquarters entrance, improvements include the removal of a dilapidated barn and large metal storage building to erect a new multi-purpose building (the “Barn”) which will include exhibits highlighting the history, culture, geology, flora and fauna of Sierra Valley, a building providing space for meetings and events (the “Shed”), and a shop/maintenance building (the “Shop”). A fire-damaged residence will be replaced and will provide a caretaker residence on-site as well as housing for seasonal staff and visiting researchers.

This is to advise that the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, after having considered the  
 Lead Agency or  Responsible Agency)

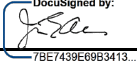
Negative Declaration as prepared by the lead agency, has approved the above described project on  
12/09/2022  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.  
 (date)

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1. The project **will not** have a significant effect on the environment
2. A Negative Declaration **was** prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA
3. Mitigation measures **were not** a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan **was not** adopted for this project
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations **was not** adopted for this project.
6. Findings **were not** made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Negative Declaration and record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

Sierra Nevada Conservancy, 11521 Blocker Drive Suite 205, Auburn, CA 95603

Signature (Public Agency):  Title: Chief Deputy Executive officer

Date: 12/12/2022 Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_