

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212
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From: Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205
Auburn, CA 95603

County Clerk
County of: Mariposa
5100 Bullion Street
Mariposa, CA 95388

Project Title: Sarah Priest Fuel Reduction Planning Project (SNC 1285)

Project Location – Specific: Sarah Priest Tribal Allotment (along Highway 49 and Colorado Road, approximately 8 miles northeast of the town of Mariposa, near the town of Midpines)

Project Location - City: Midpines

Project Location - County: Mariposa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy will provide grant funding to the American Indian Council of Mariposa County for the Sarah Priest Fuel Reduction Planning Project. The project involves planning activities to complete necessary surveys to complete NEPA and CEQA for a fuel reduction project on the Sarah Priest Tribal Allotment. The Project is located in eastern Mariposa County along State Highway 140 and will ultimately remove ladder fuels and dead/dying trees from around homes and ingress and egress routes. The project area is approximately 68 acres. Project partners include the Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation, the Sarah Priest Heirs, and the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: American Indian Council of Mariposa County – Sandra Chapman (Tribal Council Chair)

Exempt Status: Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is Statutorily Exempt under Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies of the CEQA Guidelines. This project involves only the planning studies for possible future actions which the Sierra Nevada Conservancy has not approved, adopted, or funded. The project is also categorically exempt under CEQA Section 15306, Information Collection (Class 6) because it consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The proposed activities are for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded.

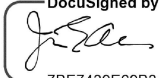
Lead Agency

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 ___

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 Signature: _____ Date: 3/3/2022 Title: Chief 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.