

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

Project Title: Dixie Fire Reforestation Project – SNC 1376

Project Location – Specific: 40°15'41.69"N 121°20'59.12"W

Project Location - City: Chester, CA

Project Location - County: Plumas

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Dixie Fire burned over 960,000 acres of land, almost half of which burned at high severity, resulting in large areas of 100 percent tree mortality, which impacted these forest health projects. This project would reforest approximately 9,206 acres of Sierran mixed conifer forest that experienced 75-100 percent tree mortality following the Dixie Fire. The proposed project includes replanting of native conifer species in the headwaters of the Feather River Watershed, which is the source of the California State Water Project. This project will help restore the headwaters of the Feather River Watershed and critical habitat for many sensitive species, protect the public and local communities from future wildfires, increase aesthetics to help with local tourism, and will create safer road conditions used by the USDA Forest Service and the public for accessing public lands and other recreational opportunities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Feather River Resource Conservation District

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Section 15304 (Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land)

Reasons why project is exempt:

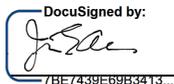
The project would result in minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation associated with forestry management activities that consist of hand planting seedlings within the project area, and access by light-duty trucks and potentially small mobile equipment for hauling project materials. The project applicant has incorporated environmentally protective measures into the project. The proposed activities would result in minor public alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of mature, scenic trees

Lead Agency Contact Person: Shannon Ciotti

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If filed by applicant: N/A

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:  Date: 6/3/2022 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.