

# 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: Nevada  
950 Maidu Ave  
Nevada City, CA 95959

Project Title: Nevada County Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan – SNC1291RT

Project Location – Specific: Planning across Nevada County

Project Location - City: Nevada City

Project Location - County: Nevada

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding for a comprehensive set of planning activities to prepare a Recreation and Resilience Mater Plan for Nevada County. Tasks include 1) create an inventory and description of recreational assets, 2) conduct an opportunity and trend analysis, 3) conduct public and stakeholder outreach and engagement, 4) develop Recreation Improvement Plan and recommendations, and 5) prepare a Master Plan Final Document. The planning process is focused on access, equity, and inclusion. This is Nevada County's first comprehensive recreational planning effort. The project will leverage partnerships with Tahoe National Forest, California State Parks, Nevada Irrigation District, land trusts, and non-profit organizations engaged in local outdoor recreation.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Nevada Planning Department

Exempt Status: Statutory Exemptions: 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 Board 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.

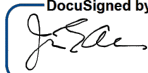
Lead Agency

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: 6/3/2022 Title: Chief Deputy Executive Officer  
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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.