

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: WIP Capacity Program Subgrant – Yosemite-Sequoia Resource Conservation & Development Council SNC972-RFFCP

Project Location – Specific: Regional planning across the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program southern planning area, including parts of Mariposa, Madera, Fresno, Tulare, and Kern Counties

Project Location - City: Towns across the planning region Project Location - County: Mariposa, Madera, Fresno, Tulare, Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding for project prioritization and partner engagement towards planning for forest health and fire protection projects across the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program’s Southern Planning Region. This includes stakeholder coordination to develop lists of potential priority projects, organizing a database of these potential projects, working with regional stakeholders to prioritize the projects, and the completion of project design and permitting for at least one priority project in the planning area.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Yosemite-Sequoia Resource Conservation & Development Council

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption Section 15306, Information Collection (Class 6)
Statutory Exemption 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 approves only planning studies towards possible future actions which neither the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, nor any other agency, has approved, adopted, or funded. There are no ground disturbing actions which would impact environmental factors. These planning actions do not have a legally binding effect on later activities. The project is also categorically exempt under CEQA Section 15306, Information Collection, because it consists of basic data collection and analysis and resource evaluation activities which do not result in any disturbance to an environmental resource. The project purpose is for information gathering as part of a regional assessment and project prioritization exercise leading to a potential future action which has not yet been approved, adopted, or funded.

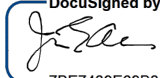
Lead Agency

Contact Person: Mary Akens

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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

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 Signature: _____ Date: 10/18/2022 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.