

Notice of Exemption

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From: (Public Agency): Sierra County Planning Dept.
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Project Title: Forest City WUI Fuels Reduction Planning Grant

Project Applicant: County of Sierra (Sierra Nevada Conservancy, granting agency)

Project Location - Specific:

uninc. community of Forest City in western Sierra County, CA T.19N., R.10E., MDB&M; Secs. 21, 22, 27 and 28

Project Location - City: Project Location - County: Sierra

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

SNC Cat. 2 planning grant, prior to separate grant application for a joint/inter-agency fuels reduction project adjacent to the WUI Community of Forest City. Treatment of between 200-1000 ac. on USFS- Tahoe Nat. Forest to improve forest health, increase forest resiliency, and reduce risk of catastrophic wildfire.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Sierra (in cooperation with USFS)

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 4 (14-CCR-15304); Class 7 (15307)
Statutory Exemptions. State code number: PRC 4799.05(d)(1)

Reasons why project is exempt:

Grant funding for planning and environmental studies only, prior to subsequent grant needed to actually carry out the project--which will entail minor alterations to land and vegetation merely for forest treatment/fuels reduction adjacent to a community in the Wildland Urban Interface; and for increasing forest resiliency and the protection of water, timber, habitat, and other natural resources.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Tim Beals or Brandon Pangman Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-289-3201

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

Signature: Date: 10/27/2022 Title: Dep. Dir. of Planning

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: