

## 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: Long Gulch Ranch Preserve Phase II SNC1437-LC

Project Location – Specific: Ferretti & Clinton Roads, 6 mi northeast of Groveland, APNs 066-160-085, Parcel 2A, APN to be assigned (previous APNs 066-160-078, 066-160-084).

Project Location - City: 6 mi NE of Groveland

Project Location - County: Tuolumne

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding for the Mother Lode Land Trust to purchase the 303-acre property adjacent to their existing Long Gulch Ranch Preserve to conserve the landscape for wildlife habitat and public access. The newly acquired property will expand the existing preserve and the Mother Lode Land Trust will develop a long-term management plan to manage the property for forest health, wildlife habitat, and recreation.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Mother Lode Land Trust

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption: Class 13 Section 15313 Acquisition of Lands for Wildlife Conservation Purposes.

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15313 Acquisition of Lands for Wildlife Conservation Purposes (Class 13) which consists of the acquisition of lands for fish and wildlife conservation purposes including (a) preservation of fish and wildlife habitat, (b) establishing ecological reserves under Fish and Game Code Section 1580, and (c) preserving access to public lands and waters where the purpose of the acquisition is to preserve the land in its natural condition. The intent of this acquisition is to expand the existing Long Gulch Ranch Preserve which conserves the landscape for wildlife habitat and public access. SNC has independently reviewed the project and determined that no exception under Section 15300.2 applies.

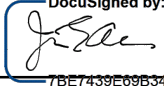
Lead Agency

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: 12/12/2022 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.