

## 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: Walton Homestead CE Planning SNC1446-LC

Project Location – Specific: Just north of Eagle Lake on the west side of Hwy 139, approximately 60mi north of Susanville and 30mi south of Adin.

Project Location - City: 30mi south of Adin

Project Location - County: Lassen

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding for the Lassen Land and Trails Trust to conduct planning and due diligence activities for a potential future conservation easement to be placed on approximately 6,083 acres of working agricultural, timber, and open space land. The Project is located entirely on private lands north of Eagle Lake in north-central Lassen County and adjacent to lands managed by the Lassen National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management. Specific actions include obtaining a title report, draft conservation easement, appraisal, legal review, purchase and sale agreement, draft monitoring plan, baseline documentation report, environmental site assessment, and any additional needs to prepare the property for a potential placement of a conservation easement. The potential future easement would ensure that the property is not subdivided or developed and will continue to be managed with the desired balance between working land and wildlife habitat. The project fits within larger goals to maintain working agricultural lands and active timber lands in Lassen County and to conserve open space, and will serve as a wildlife corridor between the adjacent federally managed lands and makes it an important resource in the face of climate change and conversion of working landscapes to developed rural lands .

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Lassen Land and Trails Trust

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption: Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies

Categorical Exemption: Class 6 Section 15306 Information Collection

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is Statutorily Exempt under Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies as the project only involves planning studies for possible future actions which the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Board has not approved, adopted, or funded; there is no legally binding effect on later activities. The project is also categorically exempt under Section 15306 Information Collection (Class 6) because it consists of basic data collection and

resource evaluation activities which do not result in a disturbance to environmental resources. The proposed activities are for information gathering purposes and are part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. This project does not fall within any exceptions to the categorical exemption.

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

Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 12/12/2022 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.