

# Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205  
Auburn, CA 95603

Project Title: Lower Carpenter Valley Trailhead Improvements SNC1454-RT

Project Location – Specific: In Lower Carpenter Valley, north of Alder Creek Road and west of State Route (SR) 89 in Nevada County, California.

Project Location - City: Northern Sierra Nevada Mountains, five miles northwest of Truckee and west of Prosser Creek Reservoir, in the Little Truckee River watershed.

Project Location - County: Nevada County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy will provide funding to install a vault toilet and informational kiosk at the Lower Carpenter Valley Trailhead. The kiosk will help direct users away from sensitive areas and the restroom facilities will help to further protect the resource values in a more sustainable manner. The proposed project is consistent with a management plan prepared by Truckee Donner Land Trust that includes measures for the protection of sensitive resources.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Truckee Donner Land Trust

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. State CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 (Class 4) – Minor Alterations to Land

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Lower Carpenter Valley Trailhead Improvements Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 (Class 4). Class 4 is applicable to projects which consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. The minor alterations to land proposed by the project would include the installation of a vault toilet and informational kiosk at an existing trailhead. SNC has independently reviewed the project and determined that none of the exceptions to the Class 4 categorical exemption apply to the project.

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  
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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.