

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Sierra Nevada Conservancy
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Project Title: Mariposa Creek Parkway Phase III Recreation and Resiliency Enhancements SNC1478-RT

Project Location – Specific: 170 acres of county-owned property on the southwest side of downtown Mariposa, between downtown and Highway 140, directly adjacent to the northwest boundary of Mariposa Park.

Project Location - City: Mariposa

Project Location - County: Mariposa

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding for the Mariposa County Planning Department to complete planning activities for a 1.85-mile hiking trail, a new trailhead facility, and interpretive signage on approximately 170 acres of county-owned property adjacent to downtown Mariposa and the county's existing Mariposa Park. The county will engage the community of Mariposa through stakeholder meetings and online surveys and partner with the Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation on design elements for the Parkway. The project will also complete multiple design documents, including a trail and facilities plan and landscaping designs. Additionally, required ecological, engineering, and cultural surveys will be completed to enable the county to conduct CEQA analysis for the potential future project implementation. Phase III of the Parkway is part of a larger plan. This Project will expand on the already developed first and second phases of the Parkway, enhancing access along Mariposa Creek to the Mariposa Park.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Mariposa County Planning Department.

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

