

## 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: WIP Capacity Program Subgrant – Yuba County Resource Conservation District SNC973-RFFCP

Project Location – Specific: Regional planning across Yuba County

Project Location - City: Towns across Yuba County

Project Location - County: Yuba

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding to increase Yuba County Resource Conservation District (YCRCD) staffing levels; develop partnerships; undertake county-wide planning for forest health, wildfire resilience, and climate resilience projects; and recruit partners to fund such project implementation. Specific activities include the YCRCD hiring an executive director, assessing and improving YCRCD systems and policies, expanding the YCRCD Board of Directors, conducting outreach to regional partners, creating a prioritized inventory of potential forest health projects, and developing funding opportunities to support potential future forest health project implementation.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Yuba County Resource Conservation District

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption \_\_\_\_\_

Statutory Exemption Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is Statutorily Exempt under Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies, of the CEQA Guidelines. This project approves only planning studies towards possible future actions which neither the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, nor any other agency, has approved, adopted, or funded. There are no ground disturbing actions which would impact environmental factors. These planning actions do not have a legally binding effect on later activities. The project is a regional project prioritization and planning exercise leading to a potential future action which has not yet been approved, adopted, or funded.

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  
Chief Deputy Executive Officer  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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.