

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:**  
Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:**  
California Tahoe Conservancy  
1061 Third Street  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

**Project Title:** Sale and assignment of Stream Environment Zone restoration credits to Liberty Utilities to enable electric utility facility maintenance and replacement.

**Project Location – Specific:**

This receiving parcel is located at State Route 89 at Cascade Creek (TRPA FILE NUMBER ERSP2019-1616).

**Project Location – City:** Unincorporated area

**Project Location – County:** El Dorado County

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

This project consists of the sale and assignment of 69 square feet of Stream Environment Zone Restoration Credit from Conservancy-owned land to a receiving parcel (APN 018-090-055). The assignment will satisfy Tahoe Regional Planning Agency permit requirements for maintenance, excavation, and replacement. Approximately 2,500 linear feet of overhead wire will be removed, including three overhead crossings of State Route 89. The powerline will be relocated slightly to the south adjacent to an existing access road that serves a water tank and residences at Cascade Lake. The new alignment requires seven new power poles, approximately 120 feet of new overhead wire crossing State Route 89, and approximately 208 cubic yards of excavation for undergrounding 550 linear feet of line on the northeast side of the highway. The sale and assignment of the restoration credits will mitigate the creation of 46 square feet of coverage created in Land Capability 3 for the installation of two switch boxes. The assignment enables the receiving landowner to carry out the project without any net increase in the amount of existing land coverage within the Lake Tahoe Basin.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:**

California Tahoe Conservancy

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Liberty Utilities

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial (§ 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§ 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§ 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption - Class 3 §15303

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The assignment of restoration credit will satisfy Tahoe Regional Planning Agency requirements for new construction or conversion of small structures. The installation of seven new poles and two switch boxes are categorically exempt under Class 3 because they consist of the construction and location of a limited number of new small facilities or structures. Specifically, the relocation of the above ground electrical line and the undergrounding of the electrical lines in existing Cascade Road and the existing underground utility corridor fit under Class 3 (d), which includes electrical utility extensions as a specific example of what is categorically exempt under Class 3.

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