

## Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

**To:** Office of Land Use & Climate  
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P.O. Box 3044, Room 212  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

**From:** Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205  
Auburn, CA 95603

**Project Title:** Marian Creek Fire Recovery Project Amendment (SNC 1549.2) [SCH 2023030174].

**Project Location – Specific:** Training locations in Plumas County, potentially including near the community of Quincy, Tasmam Koyom Maidu property near the community of Chester, and other locations in Plumas County, CA

**Project Location - City:** Quincy, Chester

**Project Location - County:** Plumas

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

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) amended grant agreement #1549 with Feather River Resources Conservation District (Grantee) to allow funds originally granted for tribal participation/monitoring to be used to support tribal workforce training through participation in the Plumas Prescribed Fire Training Exchange (Plumas Cal-TREX), a week-long prescribed fire training class. This training would build capacity of a local indigenous workforce operating in SNC's Northeast Subregion. Plumas Cal-TREX was established in 2020 as a way to build local prescribed fire capacity while training the next generation of fire practitioners. Plumas Cal-TREX is a one-week immersive program in which participants learn a wide range of skills related to the application of beneficial fire for ecological restoration. It is an annual event in Plumas County to train local fire practitioners on different aspects of beneficial fire. This includes pump operation, hand tool usage, language used on the fireline, smoke management, burn plan conceptualization, permitting, approaches to thinning, restoration, and more.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Sierra Nevada Conservancy

### **Project Applicant / Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:**

Feather River Resource Conservation District,  
Michael Hall, District Manager  
422 N Mill Creek Rd, Quincy, CA 95971  
(530)927-5299

### **Exempt Status:**

**Statutory Exemption:** Common Sense Exemption – CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061, subd. (b)(3)

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

These activities are exempt under the commonsense exemption under Section 15061, subd. (b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines which states that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. This grant amendment would support tribal member participation in an already-established training program. The funds would not go directly towards design or implementation of the training; neither SNC nor the Grantee have discretion over the existing training program. Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

**Lead Agency**

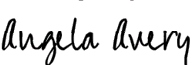
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**If filed by applicant:** N/A

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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed by Lead Agency:** Yes

**Signed by Applicant:** No

**Date received for filing at OPR:** \_\_\_\_\_

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.