

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
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Project Title: AB 2551 Watershed Coordinator Grant – Pit River Tribe (SNC956-RFFCP)

Project Location – Specific: General planning activities with tribal communities across parts of Lassen, Modoc, Siskiyou, and Shasta counties.

Project Location - City: None – landscape planning. The landscape area includes the communities of Redding, Mt. Shasta, and Alturas.

Project Location - County: Lassen, Modoc, Siskiyou, Shasta

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding for the Pit River Tribe to conduct outreach to and collaboration with tribal communities and other stakeholders to 1) assess the range of forest health and fire resilience-related activities and projects of interest to the Pit River Tribe, 2) out of those projects, identify those which are of the highest priority, and 3) develop funding strategies for select high-priority activities. Tasks conducted under this project would include meetings, individual conversations, and possibly field visits. The purpose is to identify and prioritize projects that will improve watershed function and resilience, water quality supply and reliability, forest carbon stores, wildlife habitat, and climate adaptation.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Pit River Tribe

Exempt Status:

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 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 proposed activities are only for meeting and coordination activities; there is no on-the-ground work involved.

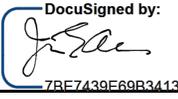
Lead Agency

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:** 3/13/2023 **Title:** Chief Deputy Executive Officer

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.