

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency) Sierra Co. Planning Dept.
P.O. Box 530
Downieville, CA 95936

County Clerk
County of Sierra



Project Title: Hayes-O'Gara Property Acquisition Project

Project Location – Specific: T.20N., R12E., Sec 28 & 29., M.D.B.&M. Sierra County APN 008-120-033 and 008-033-034

Project Location – City: _____ **Project Location – County:** Sierra

Project Description: Acquisition of 40.08 acres with mineral rights to preserve the property as public open space with the intent of ensuring protection and management of its forest, water quality, recreation, scenic and economic assets. The properties are located on the front side of the Sierra Buttes near Sierra Buttes Rd, just below the Sierra Buttes mine site. Reiss Creek runs through the property. It is surrounded by the Tahoe National Forest North Yuba Forest Resiliency Project area. The area is a popular year-round recreational area used by hikers, mountain bikers, 4-wheel drive enthusiasts, and snowmobilers.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Sierra

Name of Person, Address and Phone Number or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sierra County Land Trust
c/o Laurie Oberholtzer
310 Nevada Street
Nevada City, CA 95959
530-265-5433

Exempt Status: (check one):

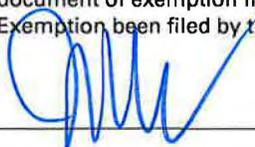
- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15313 and 15325
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: Acquisition of lands for wildlife conservation and transfer of ownership to preserve natural conditions and historic resources.

Lead Agency _____ **Area** _____
Contact Person: Tim Beals **Code/Telephone:** (530) 289-3251

If filed by applicant:

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: March 20, 2023 Title: Planning Director

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____