

# Notice of Exemption

To:  Office of Planning and Research  
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 County Clerk  
County of Sierra

From: (Public Agency) Sierra Co. Planning Dept.  
P.O. Box 530  
Downieville, CA 95936



**Project Title:** Greene Acres WUI Fuels Reduction Planning Grant

**Project Location – Specific:** South of unincorporated community of Greene Acres/Bassetts in wester Sierra County, CA. T.20N., R.12E., M.D.B.M.; Secs. 11, 12

**Project Location – City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Project Location – County:** Sierra

**Project Description:** SNC Cat. 2 planning grant, prior to separate federal grant application for a joint/inter-agency fuels reduction project adjacent to the WUI Community of Greene Acres (Bassetts). Grant is for planning and NEPA/CEQA studies only. Future project under separate (federal) grant includes treatment of between 200-1000 ac. on USFS lands in the Tahoe National Forest to improve forest health, increase forest resiliency, and reduce risk of catastrophic wildfire to neighboring community.

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

**Name of Person, Address and Phone Number or Agency Carrying Out Project:** County of Sierra (in cooperation with USFS)  
101 Courthouse Square  
Downieville, CA 95936  
530-289-3251

**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: Class 4 (15304); Class 7 (15307)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: PRC 4799.05(d)(1) (SB 901)

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Grant funding for planning and environmental studies only, prior to subsequent (federal) grant needed to actually carry out the project—which will entail minor alterations to land and vegetation merely for forest treatment/fuels reduction adjacent to a community in the Wildland Urban Interface; and for increasing forest resiliency and the protection of water, timber, habitat, and other natural resources. Future project involves thinning, or fuel reduction, or related activities undertaken, in whole or in part, on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that has been reviewed under the federal National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 4321 et seq.), and satisfies the requirement that the primary role of both the state and local agency is providing funding or staffing for this project.

**Lead Agency** \_\_\_\_\_ **Area** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Contact Person:** Brandon Pangman **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 [Signature] Date: May 3, 2023 Title: Dep. Planning Director

- Signed by Lead Agency
  - Signed by Applicant
- Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_