

**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:** Upper Sacramento River Headwaters Forest Conservation Easement Planning Project (SNC #1600-LC)

**Project Location – Specific:** Two locations: 1935 West Hill Rd, Mt. Shasta, Parcels 036-160-020-000, 036-160-050-000, 036-160-070-000, 036-160-530-000 / Davis Place Road, Parcels 030-020-500, 030-020-510, 030-020-520

**Project Location - City:** Two miles west of the city of Mt. Shasta.

**Project Location - County:** Siskiyou

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

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding for the Siskiyou Land Trust to complete due diligence activities to determine the feasibility and structure of the potential future acquisition of two conservation easements totaling 200 acres near the community of Mt. Shasta. Activities to be completed include acquiring appraisals and title reports, developing draft conservation easements, a draft baseline conditions report, a draft long-term management and monitoring plan, and associated acquisition documentation. The potential future conservation easements could protect the land for open space, forestry agriculture, and habitat benefits. There will be no ground or resource disturbance, and the easements will not be acquired as part of this project.

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

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Siskiyou Land Trust

**Exempt Status:**

**Statutory Exemption:** Pub. Resources Code, Section 21150; CEQA Guidelines, Section 15262; Feasibility and Planning Studies

**Categorical Exemption:** CEQA Guidelines, Section 15306; Information Collection

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The project is Statutorily Exempt under Pub. Resources Code, Section 21150 and CEQA Guidelines, 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 project is also categorically exempt under Section 15306 Information Collection because it consists of basic data collection and resource evaluation activities, which do not result in a disturbance to environmental resources. The proposed activities are for information gathering purposes and are part of a study leading to an action, which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded.

This project would carry out due diligence work to determine the feasibility and structure of potential future conservation easement acquisitions. This project does not fall within any exceptions to the categorical exemption.

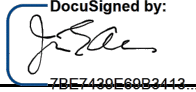
**Lead Agency**

**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: 6/1/2023 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.