

## Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205  
Auburn, CA 95603

**Project Title:** Moy Acquisition and Protection Project (SNC #1603-LC)

**Project Location – Specific:** 60-acre parcel bounded on the west by Vista Bella Drive and east by New Hope School Road, Auburn, Placer County. APN 026-081-042.

**Project Location - City:** Auburn

**Project Location - County:** Placer

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

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding for the Placer Land Trust (PLT) to acquire fee title to a 60-acre parcel located in the Big Hill area, north of the city of Auburn in Placer County. The property is currently undeveloped oak woodland and rangeland. It is fenced, with a barn, a spring, a well, and two water holding tanks, and used for livestock grazing. The property is adjacent to two existing PLT preserves. The intent of the acquisition is to prevent subdivision and development, to keep the property as open space agricultural land, and to potentially provide new recreation opportunities to the public. The PLT will complete a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment, baseline conditions report, and long-term management and monitoring plan as part of the acquisition.

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

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

### Exempt Status:

**Categorical Exemption:** Section 15325 Transfers of Ownership of Interest in Land to Preserve Existing Natural Conditions and Historical Resources

### Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15325 Transfers of Ownership of Interest in Land to Preserve Existing Natural Conditions and Historical Resources, which consists of the transfers of ownership of interests in land in order to preserve open space, habitat, or historical resources. The intent of this acquisition is to conserve the open space and working lands on the property. The Sierra Nevada Conservancy has independently reviewed the project and determined that no exception under Section 15300.2 applies.

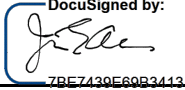
### Lead Agency

**Contact Person:** Mary Akens

**Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** 530-450-5177

**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.