

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205
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Project Title: Tahoe Forest Gateway – The Leidesdorff Project (SNC #1619-LC)

Project Location – Specific: Along Hwy I-80 between Blue Canyon and Nyack, just below Emigrant Gap. About midway between Auburn and Truckee in Placer County and about 72 miles northeast of Sacramento. APNs 062-230-012-000, -031, -042; 062-251-019-510, -020-510, 021-000; 062-261-001-510; 062-263-001-510, -004-510; 062-272-012-510, -013-000; 062-400-015-000, -016, -017, -019, -020, -021, -022; 062-450-001, -003, -014, -027; 062-510-020-000.

Project Location - City: Emigrant Gap

Project Location - County: Placer

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding for the 40 Acre Conservation League (League) to acquire fee title to a 650-acre property along Hwy 80 between Emigrant Gap and Blue Canyon in Placer County. The project involves the conservation purchase of the montane mixed conifer forest in the headwaters of the North Fork American River. The intent of the acquisition is to restore and conserve the natural forest conditions for habitat values, to improve water quality, sequester carbon, and reduce catastrophic wildfire; protect open space; and potentially create inclusive public access opportunities. The property is surrounded by a private subdivision, the Tahoe National Forest, PG&E lands under conservation easements with Placer Land Trust, and CAL FIRE Demonstration State Forests.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: 40 Acre Conservation League

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 natural conditions and habitat

on the property. The SNC has independently reviewed the project and determined that no exception under Section 15300.2 applies.

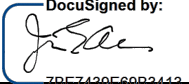
Lead Agency

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.