

## Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

**From:** Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205  
Auburn, CA 95603

**Project Title:** WIP Capacity Program Subgrant – Sierra Foothill Conservancy - Mariposa Creek Parkway Resilience and Tribal Initiative (SNC 967.1-RFFCP & 974-RFFCP)

**Project Location – Specific:** In the town of Mariposa, adjacent to and southwest of Mariposa Creek, on Mariposa County-owned greenway parcels managed for public and wildlife use. Center at approximately -119.972, 37.485 degrees.

**Project Location - City:** Mariposa

**Project Location - County:** Mariposa

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

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding for partnership coordination between the Sierra Foothill Conservancy, Mariposa County, and the Southern Sierra Miwok Nation, to develop a Forest Management Plan for over 355 acres of Mariposa County-owned Parkway property. Activities would include meetings, outreach, education, and trainings with local and regional partners, and development of Forest Management Plan documents. There will be no ground or resource disturbance as part of this project.

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

### **Project Applicant / Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:**

Sierra Foothill Conservancy  
Bridget Fithian, Executive Director  
P.O. Box 691, Mariposa, CA 95338  
(209) 742-5556

### **Exempt Status:**

**Statutory Exemption:** Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies

**Categorical Exemption:** Section 15306, Information Collection

### **Reasons why project is exempt:**

The activities under this project involve meetings, outreach, education, and trainings with local and regional partners, and development of Forest Management Plan documents. There will be no resource or ground disturbance as part of this project. The project is Statutorily Exempt under Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies as the project only involves assessment and 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 Categorical 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.

**Lead Agency**

**Contact Person:** Mary Akens

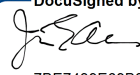
**Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** 530-450-5177

**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\_\_

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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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Chief Deputy Executive Officer

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

3/14/2024

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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.