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Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency) Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205
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(Address)

County Clerk / County of Nevada

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Nevada City, CA 95959

Project Title: Scotts Flat Reservoir Fuels Treatment Phase 4

Project Applicant: Nevada Irrigation District

Project Location - Specific:

Treatments are centered at approximately 39°16'39.47"N and 120°54'57.49"W

Project Location - City: Nevada City, CA

Project Location - County: Nevada

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide \$981,000 in funding for forest fuel reduction treatments on 300 acres in the Scotts Flat Reservoir watershed, situated largely in the area near or immediately adjacent to the reservoir. The project objectives are to improve forest health, ecosystem resiliency, and reduce the risk and severity of wildfire. Fuel treatments would benefit the health of the Scotts Flat Reservoir, which provides water to communities in Nevada, Placer, and Yuba counties. Treatment activities would include mechanical and hand treatment of ladder fuels; mechanical removal of small-diameter trees; and on-site wood chipping of biomass, which would remain onsite to promote organic decomposition of material back into the ecosystem.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Nevada Irrigation District

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15304, Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project would result in minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation associated with forestry management activities, including mechanical and hand treatments of ladder fuels and mechanical removal of small diameter trees. The project applicant has received an exemption from CAL FIRE pursuant to 14 CCR § 1038(j) and has incorporated all required environmentally protective measures into the project. The proposed activities would improve the health and fire-resiliency of the site without materially changing the appearance, use, or environmental conditions of the project area.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Shannon Ciotti

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 823-4689

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: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 3/14/2019

Title: ASSISTANT EXEC. OFFICER

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

- [X] Signed by Lead Agency [] Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date received for filing at OPR: MAR 14 2019

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Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Notice of Exemption
Grant Application No. 1054