

Notice of Exemption

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From: (Public Agency) Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205
Auburn, CA 95603

(Address)

County Clerk
County of Amador

810 Court Street

Jackson, CA 95642

Project Title: Tiger Creek Fuel Break and Watershed Protection (SNC #1096)

Project Location - Specific:

The approximately 1,195-acre project is generally located in the center of Amador County, adjacent to Tiger Creek Reservoir. The project is located on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) parcels that are located between State Route 26 and just east of the reservoir. The parcels are located in portions of Sections 13, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 33, and 34 of T7N, R13E and portions of Sections 7, 18 and 19 of T7N, R14E.

Project Location - City: east of Pioneer

Project Location - County: Amador

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding in the amount of \$100,000 to the Amador Fire Safe Council to develop the necessary CEQA and NEPA planning documents that are required prior to implementation of fuels reduction treatments on 1,195 acres of BLM land. Resource surveys and reports that will be prepared to support CEQA/NEPA compliance documents include archaeological, botanical, biological, silvicultural, hydrological, and soil surveys and reports. The purpose of the Tiger Creek project is to protect watershed health by reducing the risk of wildfire to forestlands and to protect habitable structures. This project in combination with other fuel reduction activities with adjacent landowners (PG&E, U.S. Forest Service, and Sierra Pacific Industries) will result in a fuel break from State Route 26 to Doaks Ridge, near Ham's Station.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Amador Fire Safe Council

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));
Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15306, "Information Collection"
Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Section 15262, "Feasibility and Planning Studies"

Reasons why project is exempt:

This is a planning project involving the preparation of environmental compliance documents; it does not involve physical alterations to the environment. Specific actions include resource surveys and reports and preparation of NEPA and CEQA documents that evaluate future fuel reduction treatments. Future fuel reduction treatments have not been approved, and the completion of these environmental documents will not have a legally binding effect on future activities.

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: [Signature] Date: 3/14/19 Title: AEO

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR:

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