

Notice of Exemption

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

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

County Clerk
County of _____

(Address)

Project Title: Building Capacity for Rural Development Across Sierra Communities (SNC #TRFRF002)

Project Location - Specific:

The Sierra Institute will work throughout the Sierra Nevada Region - potentially including communities in Modoc, Lassen, Shasta, Tehama, Butte, Plumas, Sierra, Yuba, Nevada, Placer El Dorado, Amador, Calaveras, Tholumne, Mariposa, Madera, Fresno, Tulare, Kern, Alpine, Mono, and Inyo counties.

Project Location - City: NA Project Location - County: See description above

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding in the amount of \$400,000 to the Sierra Institute for Community and Environment to build capacity and provide direct technical assistance to rural forested communities working to promote wood-based economic development. The Sierra Institute will engage interested communities throughout the Region in a capacity and opportunity assessment, identifying opportunities for industrial land redevelopment and assessing local capacity needs and assets. Interested communities will then be offered leadership development and other programs to build the local capacity to engage in economic development and redevelopment efforts.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sierra Institute for Community and Environment

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, assessment, and technical assistance project to identify and plan potential future projects. It does not involve physical alterations to the environment. The completion of these plans 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: A.E.D.

Signed by Lead Agency
Signed by Applicant
Date received for filing at OPR: Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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