

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212
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From: (Public Agency) Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205
Auburn, CA 95603

County Clerk
County of _____

(Address)

Project Title: Workforce Development Initiative Phase I - Assessment and Gap Analysis (SNC #TRFRF004)

Project Location - Specific:

The analysis will cover the entire Sierra Nevada Region - potentially including programs 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 \$35,000 to the Sierra Business Council to develop a comprehensive workforce development initiative to meet the needs of on-the-ground forest and watershed restoration work. The initiative will assess relevant workforce programs, and identify program gaps. A working group consisting of representatives from workforce services agencies, educational entities, state and federal departments, industry organizations and other relevant entities will be convened to identify the funding and programs needed to recruit and train the workers needed to assure a robust, sustainable forest restoration/wood processing Regional economy.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sierra Business 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 an analysis activity to identify gaps in forest-related workforce availability and capacity. It does not involve physical alterations to the environment.

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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