

Notice of Exemption

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

(Address)

County Clerk
County of _____

Project Title: Forest Restoration and Prescribed Fire Crew Development (SNC #TRFRF005)

Project Location - Specific:

The prescribed fire crew could potentially be available throughout the Sierra Nevada region - potentially including Modoc, Lassen, Shasta, Tehama, Butte, Plumas, Sierra, Yuba, Nevada, Placer El Dorado, Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, 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 \$40,000 to Calaveras Healthy Impact Products Solutions to expand their existing forest restoration and prescribed fire crew program to recruit, coordinate, train, and deploy an additional crew as requested by tribal organizations in other areas of the Sierra Nevada region. The program recruits, trains, certifies, and deploys Native American and at-risk youth in an environment of structured work and social services to perform fuel reduction, prescribed fire, and other restoration tasks.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Calaveras Healthy Impact Products Solutions

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: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Section 15262, "Feasibility and Planning Studies"

Reasons why project is exempt:

This is a program development activity to recruit and train a workforce crew. 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: Governor's Office of Planning & Research

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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