

ATTACHMENT 3

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 10th Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: California Tahoe Conservancy
1061 Third Street
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Project Title:

Connelley Beach Public Access Project (Project)

Project Location – Specific:

The Project is located on El Dorado County Assessment Number (AN) 027-010-029 (Conservancy-owned “Chimney Parcel”) and AN 027-090-025 (privately-owned “Beach Retreat Parcel”). These parcels front Connelley Beach in the City near the intersection of Takela Drive and U.S. Highway 50 (Exhibit A).

Project Location – City:

City of South Lake Tahoe

Project Location – County:

El Dorado County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project will create a new public access point to Connelley Beach. Project improvements include pathways, stairs, and slope stabilization features, constructed on AN 027-010-029. Project implementation includes the acquisition of easements (or similar authorization) allowing access on AN 027-090-025.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

California Tahoe Conservancy (Conservancy meeting of 10/10/2019) (Agenda Item 7)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

California Tahoe Conservancy

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial (§ 15268)
 - ☐ Declared Emergency (§ 15269(a))
 - ☐ Emergency Project (§ 15269(b)(c))
 - ☒ Categorical Exemption – Classes 3 & 4, §§ 15303 and 15304. (See also Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 12102.3 and 12102.4.)
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Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The project involves the construction of a limited number of small, new facilities, such as a trail, seating areas, stairs, and boulders. These features will blend into the natural environment as they will be near the existing grade of the site and will be of color and appearance that matches the existing setting. The staircase will be a prefabricated metal structure that minimizes constructed-related disturbance of the slope. The trail will be on the flat portion of the property and will only require slight grading activities for proper construction. The boulders will stabilize

the slope to reduce erosion and improve water quality. The Conservancy will restrict the project footprint to existing disturbed areas while ensuring that construction methods protect natural resources. The Conservancy will not remove any mature scenic trees or other significant vegetation. The Conservancy will install various best management practices during construction, such as silt fence, to protect water quality and other resources. The work will not take place in Lake Tahoe as all construction activities occur on dry land.

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EXHIBIT A
Connelley Beach Public Access Project

