

ATTACHMENT 3

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: California Tahoe Conservancy
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Project Title:

Dollar Creek Forest Restoration Project (Project)

Project Location – Specific:

The Project will take place on the Conservancy Dollar Creek property in Placer County (Exhibit A).

Project Location – City:

Tahoe City

Project Location – County:

Placer County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project will result in the treatment of 260 acres of forest fuel reduction through manual thinning and pile burning on the Conservancy Dollar Creek property. The goal of the Project is to improve forest health and habitat while decreasing the potential for catastrophic stand replacement fire.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

California Tahoe Conservancy (Conservancy meeting of 10/10/2019) (Agenda Item 6)

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 – Class 4, § 15304. (See also Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 12102.4)

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The Project involves the minor alteration to vegetation, reducing the overly dense understory trees and shrubs, and will not result in a significant change in land use or intensity of use. The Project will be conducted by hand crews with no use of heavy machinery. Conservancy staff will take necessary steps to avoid sensitive resources. Staff will flag stream environment zones where no material will be piled or burned. A CAL FIRE certified archeological surveyor will locate and flag any cultural sites and determine the level of protection required, such as complete

avoidance or no pile burning. Surveys will be conducted to identify and protect migratory bird and raptor nests prior to implementation, or the contractor will implement thinning work after the nesting season ends (August 15). A qualified burn boss will develop a pile burn plan to ensure public safety and minimize smoke impacts to the surrounding community.

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Exhibit A
Dollar Creek Forest Restoration Project

