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Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: Butte

155 Nelson Avenue

Oroville, CA 95965

From: (Public Agency): Sierra Nevada Conservancy
1121 Blocker Drive, Suite 205
Auburn, CA 95603

(Address)

Project Title: Concow Resilience Project

Project Applicant: Butte County Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

The Concow Creek watershed; private and Plumas National Forest lands along the eastern side of Concow Reservoir and the Community of Concow. Bounded on the West by Concow reservoir, the East by Hwy 70, the North by Flea Valley, and the South by Pinkston Canyon Rd. Centered at approximately 39,7662090, -121.4969226.

Project Location - City: Concow and East of Concow Project Location - County: Butte

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Concow Resilience Project will complete CEQA and NEPA analysis, project designs, and develop a monitoring plan, to cover a 400 to 1,500 acre portion of the Concow Creek watershed in Butte County that was burned during the 2018 Camp Fire. The project will develop an innovative model of climate- and fire-resilient reforestation to protect water resources, increase carbon storage, and restore prescribed fire to the landscape.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Butte County Resource Conservation District

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: Class 6 Section 15306 Information Collection
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies

Reasons why project is exempt:

This is a planning project completing surveys, CEQA and NEPA analysis, and project and monitoring design for the potential restoration of forested ground near the Concow Reservoir burned in the 2018 Camp Fire. It does not involve physical alterations to the environment. Completion of the planning activities will not have a legally binding effect on future activities.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jamie Sammut Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 823-4688

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:  Date: 11/13/19 Title: Deputy Executive Officer

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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