## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research

1400 - 10th Street, Room 121

Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM:

California Tahoe Conservancy

1061 Third St.

South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Project Title:

**Liberty Energy Utility Line Clearance** 

**Project Location – Specific:** 

Please see attached maps (1): Located on the California side of the Lake Tahoe Basin

**Project Location – City:** 

N/A

**Project Location – County:** 

El Dorado

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project involves the trimming and removal of dead, dying, diseased, insect infested and suppressed trees near utility structures and contains a secondary benefit of reducing forest fuels for forestry and fire hazard reduction purposes.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

California Tahoe Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Liberty Utilities

Exempt Status:

Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)

Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))

Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

X Categorical Exemption. Class 1, §15301; Class 4, §15304 (See also Cal. Code Regs, tit. 14,§§ 12102.1 and 12102.4)

## Reasons why project is exempt:

This project involves the removal of dead, dying, diseased, insect infested and suppressed trees near utility structures for public health and safety purposes, and contains a secondary benefit of reducing forest fuels for forestry and fire hazard reduction purposes. This project includes maintenance within a utility corridor and minor alterations to land. The use of heavy machinery will be restricted to either the running paved surface of the road or non-riparian areas outside of stream environment zones (SEZ). Work within SEZ areas are to be completed by hand crews.

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