

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: Plumas
520 Main St, Room 102
Quincy CA 95971

From: (Public Agency): Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blocker Dr, Suite 205
Auburn, CA 95603
(Address)

Project Title: Due Diligence for the Almanor Rail ROW Land Donation (SNC# 1151-LC)

Project Applicant: Almanor Recreation and Parks District

Project Location - Specific:

Northwestern corner of Plumas County along the north shore of Lake Almanor in the community of Chester. 12 mile trail footprint beginning at Clear Creek Junction at Hwy 147, heading W to the Almanor Rail Trail trailhead between 539 and 605 Main St, Chester.

Project Location - City: Chester Project Location - County: Plumas

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Collins Pine Company is interested in donating a 12-mile stretch of old rail line to the Almanor Recreation and Parks District for conversion into a multiuse public "rails-to-trails" greenway. This planning project will complete title surveys and technical studies to assure potential future trail development would be economically feasible and clear of adverse environmental, toxic, geotechnical, and structural engineering issues.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Almanor Recreation and Parks 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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 6 Section 15306 Information Collection
[X] Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies

Reasons why project is exempt:

This is a planning and due diligence project completing title surveys and technical studies for the potential development of a rails-to-trails greenway public trail along Lake Almanor, in the community of Chester; it does not involve physical alterations to the environment. Completion of the planning and due diligence effort 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: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 12/16/19 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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