

**Notice of Exemption****Appendix E**

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

County Clerk

County of: Madera, Mariposa

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

(Address)

Project Title: Madera Mariposa Working Lands Conservation Strategy (SNC# 1179-LC)

Project Applicant: Sierra Foothill Conservancy

**Project Location - Specific:**

Six properties NE of Eastman Lake and N of the community of Raymond along the border of Madera and Mariposa Counties. Bordered to the E by the Fresno River, to the N by Hwy 49, to the W by Raymond Rd, to the S by Eastman Lake and Raymond. Centered near 37.2858754, -119.9259350.

Project Location - City: See above Project Location - County: Madera, Mariposa

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

This project will complete due diligence and planning for the placement of 5 conservation easements and 1 fee-title donation for conservation purposes. Activities include developing appraisals, property surveys, biological assessments, baseline conditions reports, environmental site assessments, and other transaction related documents. The intent of the conservation easements and fee-title donation would be to protect open space, wildlife habitat, and continued local agricultural values.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sierra Foothill Conservancy

**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 and due diligence project completing surveys and studies for the potential purchase of a conservation easement and receipt of a fee-title donation for ecological and working lands protection; 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: [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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