

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency): Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 201
Auburn, CA 95603

County Clerk
County of:

(Address)

Project Title: Laursen South Preserve Expansion & Trail Connection Project (SNC 1165-LC)

Project Applicant: Placer Land Trust

Project Location - Specific:
North Auburn (2.5 mi. N. of the City of Auburn Sphere of Influence), 1/2 mi. from Bear River. Located between Sisson Lane and Overhill Drive, just W of Highway 49. Adjacent to Oest Ranch Lone Star Preserve.

Project Location - City: Auburn Project Location - County: Placer

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project is a fee-title acquisition of the 185-acre private property as a project expansion of the already existing Lauren Ranch (361 acres) purchased by Placer Land Trust. This project will provide an important connection within the 8,300-acre Bear River Conservation Block of protected lands in Placer County. This acquisition will protect one of the last remaining blocks of blue oak woodland in this region of the foothills, which have been identified in multiple state plans as a priority for conservation.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Placer Land Trust

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 25, Section 15325, Transfers of Ownership
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is a Transfer of Ownership of Interest In Land to Preserve Existing Natural Conditions and Historical Resources. There are multiple purposes to protecting the property, including continued agricultural use, wildlife protection and Placer Land Trust's docent-led public recreation (via hikes, clinics, and other recreation events). There will be no change to the primary land use and no physical alterations to the environment.

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: 3/6/2020 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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