

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: _____

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

(Address)

Project Title: Lewis Ranch - Greenwood Creek Conservation Area (SNC 1189-LC)

Project Applicant: American River Conservancy

Project Location - Specific:

21 mi. NW of Placerville, 3 mi. N of Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park and 3 mi. E of Auburn State Recreation Area. Town of Greenwood is 0.5 mi. from project site, which fronts Greenwood Road on the eastern property boundary. Within South Fork American River watershed, situated along Greenwood Creek.

Project Location - City: Greenwood Project Location - County: El Dorado


Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This fee-title project will result in the purchase of 972-acre Lewis Ranch from a single owner and create the Greenwood Creek Conservation Area. The project would conserve a large contiguous area of oak woodland and maintain the property as a working landscape and for increased managed public recreation. Other goals of this project include: expanding wildlife connectivity in the South Fork American River watersheds and provide additional wildlife-related recreation opportunities in western El Dorado County.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: American River 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 25, Section 15325, Transfers of Ownership 
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

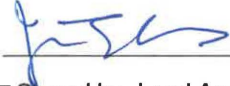
The project is a Transfer of Ownership of Interest In Land to Preserve Existing Natural Conditions and Historical Resources. There are multiple purposes to protecting the property, including management of the property in order to continue rangeland grazing, active vegetation management and providing guided public access for wildlife-oriented recreation. 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:  Date: 3/6/2020 Title: Deputy Executive Officer
Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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

Date Received for filing at OPR: MAR 10 2020

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