

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of Tehama

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Red Bluff, CA 96080

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

(Address)

Project Title: Ishi Fire Restoration Project (SNC 1205)

Project Location - Specific:

The approximately 33,700-acre project area is located in eastern Tehama County along the western edge of the Lassen National Forest (LNF), in the Deer Creek, Pine Creek and Toomes Creek watersheds. The project area is managed by the LNF, and includes 17,000 acres of the federally designated Ishi Wilderness. The project area is surrounded by a mix of public and private land ownership that includes Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Sierra Pacific Industries, Collins Pine Company (CPC), and other small private landowners.

Project Location – City: North and West of Campbellville

Project Location – County: Tehama

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding in the amount of \$100,000 to the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County to complete pre-implementation surveys for rare plants, noxious weeds, sensitive wildlife species, and cultural resources; a strategic wildfire risk assessment; a Minimum Requirements Analysis, and prepare a proposed action and purpose and need document to support future NEPA and CEQA compliance. This planning and environmental compliance would support future implementation of the Ishi Fire Restoration Project, with the goal of achieving healthy and resilient landscapes, minimizing the threat of natural disturbances such as fire around their local communities and cultural sites, and protecting water resources.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Resource Conservation District of Tehama County

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: Section 15306, "Information Collection"
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Section 15262, "Feasibility and Planning Studies"

Reasons why project is exempt:

This is a planning project involving the preparation of environmental analysis documents; it does not involve physical alterations to the environment. Specific actions include resource surveys and partial preparation of NEPA and CEQA documents that evaluate future possible actions. However, those actions have not been approved, and the completion of these environmental documents will not have a legally binding effect on future activities.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jamie Sammut

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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

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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