

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency) Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205
Auburn, CA 95603

County Clerk
County of Calaveras
891 Mountain Ranch Road
San Andreas, CA 95249

(Address)

Project Title: Fuels Reduction in Bummerville, Calaveras County (SNC 1226)

Project Location - Specific:

The approximately 456-acre project area is located along the Hwy 26 corridor in Calaveras County on U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land near the communities of Bummerville, West Point, Wilseyville, Sandy Gulch, Rail Road Flat, and Glencoe. Winton Road is on the north perimeter, the Middle Fork Mokelumne River is on the South, and Bear Creek on the west.

Project Location - City: Blue Mountain Area Project Location - County: Calaveras

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding in the amount of \$55,660 to the Calaveras Healthy Impact Product Solutions to complete pre-implementation resource surveys, prepare a proposed action and purpose and need document to support NEPA and CEQA compliance, and prepare a NEPA/CEQA document. This planning and environmental compliance would support future implementation of the "Fuels Reduction in Bummerville, Calaveras County" Project, with the goal of enhancing watershed health by minimizing the risk of fire ignition, fire spread, soil erosion, drought and pestilence while conserving water and accelerating carbon sequestration and storage.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Calaveras Healthy Impact Product Solutions

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 resource surveys and the preparation of environmental analysis documents; it does not involve physical alterations to the environment. Specific actions include biological and other resource surveys, and 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 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: 3/6/2020 Title: Deputy Executive Officer

Signed by Lead Agency Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Signed by Applicant Date received for filing at OPR: MAR 10 2020