

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency) Sierra Nevada Conservancy
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(Address)

County Clerk
County of Amador
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Jackson, CA 95642

Project Title: AmCo Stewardship - Mokelumne Community Forest (SNC 1251)

Project Location - Specific:
The approximately 431 ac. project area is located on multiple discontinuous parcels of federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management.
The project area spans westward from Pioneer at Buckhorn Ridge north of Volcano and along Shakeridge Road to the furthest western parcel off Quartz Mountain Road east of Sutter Creek. The parcels are adjacent to communities in and around Buckhorn, Pioneer, Volcano, and Sutter Creek

Project Location - City: Pioneer, Volcano, Sutter Creek Project Location - County: Amador

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding in the amount of \$95,295 to the Amador Fire Safe Council to prepare a CEQA/NEPA document. This planning and environmental compliance would support future implementation of the AmCo Stewardship - Mokelumne Community Forest project, which is intended to serve to reduce the risk of wildfire near communities and serve as an anchor for land management in the surrounding Wildland Urban Interface.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Amador Fire Safe Council

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 preparation of a joint NEPA and CEQA document that evaluate future possible actions. However, those actions have not been approved, and the completion of this 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
Signed by Applicant
Date received for filing at OPR: MAR 10 2020
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