## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research FROM: California Tahoe Conservancy 1400 - 10th Street, Room 121 1061 Third St. Sacramento, CA 95814 South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 Project Title: Liberty Energy Utility Line Clearance Project Location - Specific: Please see attached maps: Located on the California side of the Lake Tahoe Basin Project Location - City: **Project Location – County:** N/Ag El Dorado Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: This project involves the trimming and removal of dead, dying, diseased, insect infested and suppressed trees hear utility structures and contains a secondary benefit of reducing forest fuels for forestry and fire hazard reduction purposes. Mame of Public Agency Approving Project: California Tahoe Conservancy Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Liberty Utilities Exempt Status: Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268) Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a)) Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)) X Categorical Exemption. Class 1, §15301; Class 4, §15304 (See also Cal. Code Regs, tit. 14,§§ 12102.1 and 12102.4) Reasons why project is exempt:

This project involves the removal of dead, dying, diseased, insect infested and suppressed trees near utility structures for public health and safety purposes, and contains a secondary benefit of reducing forest fuels for forestry and fire hazard reduction purposes. This project includes maintenance within a utility corridor and minor alterations to land. The use of heavy machinery will be restricted to either the running paved surface of the road or non-riparian areas outside of stream environment zones (SEZ). Work within SEZ areas are to be completed by hand crews.

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