

**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 205  
Auburn, CA 95603

(Address)

Project Title: Intertribal Stewardship Workforce Development Initiative (SNC 952-CCI)

Project Applicant: Calaveras Healthy Impact Product Solutions

Project Location - Specific:

The project has no specific location. The Workforce Initiative training would potentially be available at multiple locations throughout the entire Sierra Nevada Region, including in Modoc, Lassen, Shasta, Tehama, Butte, Sierra, Plumas, Nevada, Yuba, Placer, El Dorado, Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Alpine, Mono, Inyo, Madera, Fresno, Tulare and Kern counties.

Project Location - City: NA Project Location - County: See above

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding in the amount of \$475,634 to Calaveras Healthy Impact Product Solutions to expand their tribal workforce program to a minimum of eight new tribes throughout the Sierra Nevada Region. The project will recruit, train, certify and equip approximately 80 Native Americans throughout the region to engage in forest stewardship work including forest thinning and wildland and prescribed fire use. Crews will be certified in S212 chainsaw training, CPR and First Aid, and the Basic 32 Wildland Firefighting course. Crews will also be equipped with personal protective equipment, chainsaws, and various hand tools.

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: Common Sense Exemption 14 CCR 15061[b][3]

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is covered by the common sense exemption as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project activities may have a significant effect on the environment. The project is comprised of various training exercises and classes and the purchasing of various tools and personal protective equipment required for stewardship forestry work.


Lead Agency

Contact Person: Shannon Ciotti Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 823-4689

**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: 8/31/2020 Title: Deputy Executive Officer

☒ 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: \_\_\_\_\_