## **Notice of Exemption**

Appendix E

To:Office of Planning and ResearchFrom: Sierra Nevada ConservancyP.O. Box 3044, Room 21211521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205

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County Clerk

County of: Butte Shasta Plumas

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Project Title: Local Capacity Building for Fire Resiliency Projects (SNC1281-RC)

Project Location – Specific: N/A - development of curriculum

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Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy will provide grant funding to Chico State Enterprises to develop educational curriculum. Shasta Community College, Feather River Community College, Chico State Enterprises Geographical Information Center (GIC), and Chico State Enterprises Ecological Reserves will work collaboratively and in consultation with the Maidu Summit Consortium to develop curriculum modules that can be used in existing forestry and environmental studies courses to build local capacity for planning fire resiliency projects. First, a gap assessment will be completed in partnership with industry sector leaders and community college faculty to identify educational curriculum and vocational training gaps within areas of planning in the forestry and fuels management sector. Once gaps in training and education are identified, modules will be developed to prepare students to implement planning steps for fire resiliency projects that provide for public safety while enhancing environmental quality. Indigenous perspectives and Traditional Ecological Knowledge will be incorporated into curriculum modules, and module pilot implementation will be prioritized on Maidu Summit Consortium tribal land as aligned with the Consortium's land stewardship objectives and future project implementation goals.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Chico State Enterprises

Exempt Status: <u>Categorical Exemption</u>, <u>Section 15322</u>, <u>Educational or Training Programs Involving No Physical Changes</u>.

Reasons why project is exempt:

The class 22 (Section 15322) categorical exemption applies to the adoption, alteration, or termination of educational or training programs which involve no physical alteration in the area affected or which involve physical changes only in the interior of existing school or training structures. The project involves educational curriculum development with no physical alteration to the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Shannon Ciotti Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 906-7345

## If filed 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: DocuSigned by:  7BE7439E69B3413	_Date:	3/3/2022	_Title:	Chief Deputy Executive Officer
Signed by Lead Agency: Yes	Signed	by Applicant: No		

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: