ATTACHMENT 4

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research 1400 10th Street, Room 121 Sacramento, CA 95814 **From:** California Tahoe Conservancy 1061 Third Street South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Project Title: Liberty Utilities Fence Short-Term License Agreement and Permanent Easement

Project Location – Specific:

The Liberty Utilities substation and fence is located just east of the intersection of Fern Road and Montreal Road in the City of South Lake Tahoe. A portion of the fence will be located on Conservancy property (El Dorado AN 029-240-001) (Exhibit A).

Project Location – City: City of South Lake Tahoe

Project Location - County: El Dorado County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Conservancy is entering into a short-term license agreement authorizing Liberty Utilities (Liberty) to install a fence on Conservancy property. The purpose of the fence is to deter public access to an electric substation on the adjacent Liberty property (El Dorado AN 029-240-005) for public safety. The fence will allow Liberty to comply with the National Electrical Safety Code (2017 NESC Section 110, Table 110-1 for 69kV voltage). Liberty has designed the proposed fence to visually blend in with the surroundings to minimize scenic impact. The Conservancy is entering into a permanent easement with Liberty for fence maintenance.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

California Tahoe Conservancy (Conservancy Board meeting of 3/17/2022) (Agenda Item 2c)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Liberty Utilities

Exempt Status:

- □ Ministerial (§ 15268)
- \Box Declared Emergency (§ 15269(a))
- \Box Emergency Project (§ 15269(b)(c))

⊠ Categorical Exemption – Class 2, § 15302 (see also Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 12102.2.).

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The construction of the fence is exempt under Class 2 because it involves replacing an existing fence with a new fence where it will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the existing fence.

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EXHIBIT A

Liberty Utilities Fence Short-Term License Agreement and Permanent Easement Location Map

