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:

South Tahoe Public Utility District Critical Infrastructure Hazardous Fuels Planning Project

Project Location – Specific: Various locations across the Lake Tahoe Basin (Basin). (Exhibit A)

Project Location – City: N/A **Project Location – County:** El Dorado and Placer Counties

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will consist of the preparation of a Vegetation Management Plan focusing on priority infrastructure treatments, targeting water and sewer infrastructure, for fuels reduction, defensible space, or other system hardening work that prevents wildfire damage to infrastructure.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

California Tahoe Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: South Tahoe Public Utility District (STPUD)

Exempt Status:

□ Ministerial (§ 15268)

□ Declared Emergency (§ 15269(a))

 \Box Emergency Project (§ 15269(b)(c))

⊠ Statutory Exemption – § 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The Conservancy is providing funding to STPUD the development of a Vegetation Management Plan, which requires the consideration of environmental factors. The development of the Vegetation Management Plan is the only component of this project.

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