Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To: Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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SUBJECT: ***Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 or 15252, subd. (b) of the Public Resources Code***

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2022040021

Project Title: Van Norden Meadow Recreation Project (SNC 1926-RT)

Project Applicant:
South Yuba River Citizens League
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Project Location (include county): Van Norden Meadow, approx. 1 mile south of I-80 at the Donner Pass Road exit, in the town of Soda Springs, in Placer and Nevada counties.

Project Description: The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) would provide funding to the South Yuba River Citizens League for the Van Norden Meadow Recreation Project (Project). Van Norden Meadow is a 485-acre meadow on Tahoe National Forest land. The Project would build and improve formalized trail alignments to manage ongoing recreational use to protect sensitive meadow habitat. Grant funding would be used to develop a multi-use 5.5-mile loop trail, with interpretive signage, boardwalks and viewing platforms, and two new trailheads; as well as a connector trail that connects the loop trail to the adjacent trail network.

Nevada County evaluated the Project in an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration, which was certified on May 11, 2022. The SNC has reviewed the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration and has independently determined that the Project would not result in significant adverse environmental impacts.

All work will be performed in compliance with Nevada County's Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration.

This is to advise that the **Sierra Nevada Conservancy (Responsible Agency)** has approved the above-described Project on **June 4, 2026,** and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described Project:

1. The Project **will not** have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A **Mitigated Negative Declaration was** prepared for this Project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures **were** a condition of the approval of the Project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan **was** adopted for this Project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations **was not** adopted for this Project.
6. Findings **were** made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Initial Study, Mitigated Negative Declaration, and record of Project approval is available to the general public at:
Sierra Nevada Conservancy, 11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205, Auburn, CA 95603

Signature (Public Agency): DocuSigned by: Angela Avery D382EA80350B496...

Title: Executive Officer

Date: 6/4/2026

Date Received for filing at OPR:

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code