

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Governor’s Office of Land Use and
Climate Innovation
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: Lead Agency
Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205
Auburn, CA 95603

Project Title: Cohasset Forest Resilience Project Amendment– (SNC 1378.1)
Existing SCH 2022060103

Project Location – Specific: 17 miles from Chico, CA. Nearby communities include
Campbellville, Richardson Springs, and Forest Ranch.

Project Location - County: Butte County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The SNC is amending its Grant Agreement funding this project to add to the existing treatments, mechanical pile burning, direction felling, bucking, lop and scatter, decking logs, and herbicide treatment. Grantee (Butte County Fire Safe Council) is requesting an amendment to the scope of work to allow for the modification of specified treatments to this project. The project area was impacted by the Park Fire resulting in a need to adjust the scope of work to support recovery and restoration. The Park Fire resulted in a considerable loss of trees and vegetation, many of which are dead or dying. The herbicide treatment will be required to reduce future fire intensity, prevent significant erosion impacts, as well as manage vigorous re-sprouting of invasive species.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Project Applicant / Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Butte County Fire Safe Council
Taylor Nilsson - Executive Director
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Paradise, CA. 95967
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Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption: Cal.Code Regs.Tit.14 (CEQA Guidelines), section 15304; Minor Alterations to Land

Reasons why project is exempt:

CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, Class 4, provides that projects that consist of minor

public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation, which do not involve removal of mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes, are exempt for CEQA environmental documentation requirements, provided no exceptions apply. The minor alterations to vegetation proposed by the project involve forest resilience thinning through additional treatments including mechanical pile burning, direction felling, bucking, lop and scatter, decking logs, and herbicide treatment. The SNC reviewed the project and determined that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, Class 4, and none of the exceptions to the exemptions apply to the project.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Mary Akens

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If filed by applicant: N/A

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:  _____
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Title: Executive Officer

Date: 8/8/2025

Signed by Lead Agency: Yes

Signed by Applicant: No

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.