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: Modoc Line Rail Trail Planning Amendment– (SNC 1410.01-RT)
Existing SCH 2022120388

Project Location – Specific: 45-mile rail trail paralleling US Highway 395 between the communities of Wendel in Lassen County and Likely in Modoc County.

Project Location – City: between Wendel and Likely

Project Location - County: Lassen and Modoc Counties

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
The SNC is amending its Grant Agreement funding this project to add to the existing planning studies, engineering assessment work for a washed-out portion of trail within the Sagehen Segment of the MLRT, 3 miles south of Likely, just north of the Lassen County line.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Project Applicant / Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:
Lassen Land and Trails Trust
Amy Holmen, Program Director
PO Box 1461
Susanville, CA 96130

Exempt Status:
Statutory Exemption: Pub. Resources Code, section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies
Categorical Exemption: Cal.Code Regs.Tit.14 (CEQA Guidelines), section 15306; Information Collection

Reasons why project is exempt:
The project is Statutorily Exempt under section 15262 of the Public Resources code – Feasibility and Planning studies as the project only involves planning studies for possible future actions which the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Board has not approved, adopted, or funded; there is no legally binding effect on later activities. The project is also categorically exempt under Section 15306 Information Collection (Class 6) because it consists of basic data collection and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a disturbance to environmental resources. The proposed activities are for information gathering purposes

and are part of a study leading to an actin which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. This project does not fall within any exceptions to the categorical exemption.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Mary Akens **Area Code/Telephone/Extension**: 530-450-5177

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:_ DocuSigned by: Angela Avery D382EA80350B496...

Title: Executive Officer

Date: 8/25/2025

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.