

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Governor's Office of Land Use &
Climate Innovation
1400 10th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

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

Project Title: (RFFCP2022) Tribal Capacity Building Subgrant Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians Amendment 1 (#1737.1-RFFCP). SCH 2024120809.

Project Location – Specific: Along Turnback Creek on the Tuolumne Me-Wuk Indian Reservation, from the town of Tuolumne and heading about 1.5 miles north.

Project Location - City: Tuolumne

Project Location - County: Tuolumne

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) has amended and augmented grant agreement #1737-RFFCP (RFFCP2022) Tribal Capacity Building Subgrant with the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians (Grantee) to allow additional funds to be used for activities associated with assessment and planning for potential future invasive plant species removal along Turnback Creek within the Tuolumne Me-Wuk Indian Reservation. The Grantee will complete assessment and mapping of invasive Himalayan blackberry presence along Turnback creek, survey the area for presence and distribution of native plant species, design a potential approach for addressing the invasive species, and determine and potentially obtain permits needed for invasive species eradication. These planning activities do not involve any ground or resource disturbance.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

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

Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians,
Darla Merlin, Grants Coordinator
P.O. Box 699
Tuolumne, CA 95379
209-928-9568.

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption: Feasibility and Planning Studies under Pub. Resources Code, Section 21102 and CEQA Guidelines, Section 15262.

Reasons why project is exempt:

These activities under this amendment involve planning and assessment only; there will be no ground or resource disturbance as part of this project. The project is statutorily exempt under Public Resources Code, section 21102 and CEQA Guidelines, section 15262 exempting feasibility and planning studies as the activity involves planning

studies for possible future actions which the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Board has not approved, adopted, or funded. Further, there is no legally binding effect on later activities.

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: Angela Avery

Title: Executive Officer

Date: 10/9/2025

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.