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From: Sierra Nevada Conservancy
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Project Title: Tahoe Forest Gateway – Zrelak Acquisition (SNC #1803-LC)

Project Location – Specific: 700 Blue Canyon Road, Alta, CA 95701. APN #062-252-015-000 and 016-000. Adjacent to Highway 80, just west of Emigrant Gap, between Blue Canyon and Nyack, approximately 70 miles east of Sacramento, just west of the Nyack Road exit.

Project Location - City: Alta

Project Location - County: Placer

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy has approved a grant in the amount of \$545,000 to the 40 Acre Conservation League for the Tahoe Forest Gateway-Zrelak Acquisition project (Project) consisting of a 26-acre acquisition of two separate properties in the community of Alta / Blue Canyon just west of Emigrant Gap, along Highway 80 in Placer County. The Project, led by the 40 Acre Conservation League (League) is adjacent to the League's existing 650-acre Tahoe Forest Gateway property that was purchased in early 2024, and for which the League is currently exploring the potential to provide public recreation opportunities. The League will acquire fee title to two adjacent parcels from a single willing seller, with the intention of incorporating them into the Tahoe Forest Gateway property. The intent of the acquisition is to conserve forest health on the property; protect and preserve historic structures on the site, including the Blue Canyon Bar/house, a two-person stone jailhouse, and a cookhouse; and potentially provide recreation access from the Tahoe Forest Gateway to public lands to the south. However, no management plan has yet to be developed, approved, or funded at this point.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

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

40 Acre Conservation League
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Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Section 15325, Transfers of Ownership of Interest in Land to Preserve Existing Natural Conditions and Historical Resources.

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project is strictly for the fee title acquisition of property. There is no management plan for the property yet in development, approved, or funded. The Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15325, Transfers of Ownership of Interest in Land to Preserve Existing Natural Conditions and Historical Resources. This consists of transfers of ownership of interests in land in order to preserve open space, habitat, or historical resources. The intent of this fee title acquisition is to improve and conserve forest conditions and historic structures on the property and potentially add to the public recreation access at the Tahoe Forest Gateway property. The Project specifically fits example 15325 (e) the acquisition, sale, or other transfer to preserve historical resources and (f) acquisition, sale, or other transfer to preserve open space or lands for park purposes.

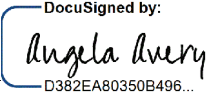
Lead Agency

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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Executive Officer

Title: _____

Date: 6/6/2025 _____

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.