

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:

Office of Planning and Research
1400 10th Street, Room 121
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From:

California Tahoe Conservancy
1061 Third Street
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Project Title: License agreement for North Tahoe Fire Protection District River Road Fuels 1 Treatment

Project Location – Specific:

California Tahoe Conservancy owned Parcels identified by Placer County Assessment Numbers 095-120-018, 095-120-005, 095-120-006, 095-110-016, 094-180-021 as shown in Exhibit A.

Project Location – City: unincorporated

Project Location – County: Placer County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Conservancy action will be to execute a short-term license agreement with North Tahoe Fire Protection District to authorize hazardous fuel reduction on Conservancy owned parcels. The Conservancy's grant of a license agreement will support but is not necessary for North Tahoe Fire Protection district's forest health treatments to reduce wildfire risk, improve forest stand resilience, and enhance public safety along the Highway 89 evacuation corridor. Specific activities authorized by the license agreement include the hand thinning of small-diameter trees with chainsaws, removal of ladder and surface fuels with chainsaws and manual equipment, and construction of burn piles for later disposal on the four Conservancy Parcels.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

California Tahoe Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: North Tahoe Fire Protection District

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial (§ 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§ 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§ 15269(b)(c))
- ☒ Categorical Exemption: Class 4, § 15304, Minor Alterations to Land (See also Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 12102.4); Statutory Exemption Pub. Res. Code 21080.49, Wildfire Risk Reduction Projects

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The project's direct impacts to Conservancy parcels are minor alterations to land that will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes as marked by a registered professional forester. This is consistent with § 15304. The direct impacts on the Conservancy parcels also qualify as defensible space Exemption for wildfire risk reduction within 200 feet of a legal structure under 21080.49(c).

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Exhibit A
License Number 2025-1101-ST-321

