

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

From: Lead Agency
Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205
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Project Title: New Hogan Lake Acquisition (SNC1806-LC)

Project Location – Specific: East Side of Hogan Dam Road, 1.5 to 2 miles south of Valley Springs, Calaveras County, CA. APN 050-003-018-000.

Project Location - City: Valley Springs

Project Location - County: Calaveras

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would approve a grant to the 40 Acre Conservation League for the New Hogan Lake Acquisition project (Project). The Project is a 102-acre fee title acquisition of unused agricultural land in Calaveras County adjacent to New Hogan Lake, a reservoir operated by the Army Corps of Engineers. The purposes of the acquisition are to enhance biodiversity, conserve working lands, and facilitate education and public access to nature for underserved populations. The 40 Acre Conservation League will explore opportunities for potential future land management, which may include restoring and stewarding oak woodland and associated seasonal creek/riparian functions to measurably enhance biodiversity, maintaining the land as a productive working landscape through regenerative agriculture, and expanding public access through trails, nature-based recreation, and a small network of overnight accommodations and visitor-serving amenities. No management plan has yet to be developed, approved, or funded, and no potential future uses are approved at this time; future uses will need to complete any required environmental compliance and permitting and comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

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

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Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Section 15316, Transfer of Ownership of Land

to in Order to Create Parks; 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 15316, Transfer of Ownership of Land to in Order to Create Parks. This consists of the acquisition, sale, or other transfer of land in order to establish a park where the land is in a natural condition or contains historical or archaeological resources and the management plan for the park has not been prepared. The project is also categorically exempt 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 ecological conditions, maintain the open space as a working landscape, and potentially provide public recreation and education. No management plan has yet to be developed, approved, or funded, and no potential future uses are approved at this time; future uses will need to complete any required environmental compliance and permitting and comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

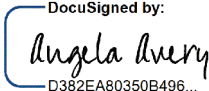
Lead Agency

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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:  D382EA80350B496...

Executive Officer

Title:

Date: 6/4/2026

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.