

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:

Office of Planning and Research
1400 10th Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From:

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

Project Title: Ancient Forest Society Tree Climbing Training Events License

Project Location – Specific:

El Dorado County Assessment Numbers 029-441-03, 029-441-20, 029-441-19, 029-260-32, 029-260-19, 029-260-25, 028-021-02, and 028-021-03 as shown in **Exhibit A**.

Project Location – City: South Lake Tahoe, unincorporated

Project Location – County: El Dorado County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Execution of a License Agreement to the Ancient Forest Society to provide access onto, in, and through California Tahoe Conservancy-owned land for the purpose of providing public tree climbing education during Rope-Based Tree Climbing Training Events.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Tahoe Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Ancient Forest Society

Exempt Status:

- ☐ Ministerial (§ 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§ 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§ 15269(b)(c))
- ☒ Categorical Exemption Class 1, § 15301 and Class 4, § 15304 (See also Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 12102.1 and 12102.4)

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The Project consists of licensing nine (9) rope-based tree climbing training events on various locations within Conservancy-owned parcels. The use of climbing equipment that damages trees is prohibited, as is the climbing of infected, diseased, damaged, or dead trees. All events will occur after August 15, 2026, to avoid potential adverse effects to nesting birds in trees subject to climbing. The Project's direct impacts to Conservancy parcels are minor alterations to land and vegetation that will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, which are exempt under § 15304, and are licensing activities of existing public facilities that will not involve the expansion of existing use, which is exempt under § 15301.

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Exhibit A, Notice of Exemption

Ancient Forest Society Tree Climbing Training Events License

