ATTACHMENT 3

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: South Tahoe Basin Wildlife Crossings Planning

Project Location – Specific:
Southern portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin along roadways, including U.S. Highway 50 (U.S. 50), State Route 89 (S.R. 89), and Pioneer Trail. (Exhibit A)

Project Location – City: City of South Lake Tahoe and unincorporated El Dorado County
Project Location – County: El Dorado County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
This project will assess the best possible locations for wildlife crossing structures along U.S. 50, S.R. 89, and Pioneer Trail, and develop the plans, designs, and environmental review and documentation necessary for consideration of future implementation projects. Future projects resulting from this planning effort, if they are approved, will restore wildlife connectivity and reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions within the network of roads and highways through important aquatic and terrestrial habitat.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:
California Tahoe Conservancy (Conservancy meeting of 9/17/2026) (Agenda Item 9)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Tahoe Conservancy

Exempt Status:
☐ Ministerial (§ 15268)
☐ Declared Emergency (§ 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (§ 15269(b)(c))
☒ Categorical Exemption – § 15262

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:
The project involves only planning for possible future actions which the Conservancy Board has not approved, adopted, or funded. Environmental factors will be considered as part of the project's planning activities.

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