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SUBJECT: *Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 or 15252, subd. (b) of the Public Resources Code*

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2007062084

Project Title: Hidden Falls Regional Park Trails Expansion Project – Phase Two – Connectivity Trail (SNC 1959-RT)

Project Applicant:
Placer County Division of Parks, Trails, and Open Space
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Project Location (include county): Auburn, CA in Placer County; includes APNs 026-081-023, -037, -055; 026-120-028

Project Description: The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) would provide funding to the Placer County Division of Parks, Trails, and Open Space for the Hidden Falls Regional Park Trails Expansion Project – Phase Two – Connectivity Trail (project). Placer County proposes to enhance public access to the outdoors through construction of a new connectivity trail that will provide the crucial link between the existing 1,200-acre, county-owned Hidden Falls Regional Park (HFRP) in Auburn and the new HFRP trails expansion area, which includes properties owned by Placer County Land Trust. Grant funding would be used to construct approximately 3 miles of natural surface, multi-use trails; three, 21 – 26-foot bridges; and trail amenities including interpretative panels, benches, picnic tables, and a gate.

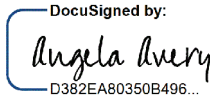
Placer County evaluated the project in an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (certified on January 28, 2010), Subsequent EIR (certified on March 8, 2021), and Addendum (approved on October 31, 2023). The SNC has reviewed the EIR, Subsequent EIR, and Addendum, and has independently determined that the project would result in significant adverse environmental impacts. All work will be performed in compliance with Placer County's EIR, Subsequent EIR, and Addendum.

This is to advise that the **Sierra Nevada Conservancy (Responsible Agency)** has approved the above-described project on **June 4, 2026**, and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project **will** have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An **EIR was** prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures **were** a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan **was** adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations **was** adopted for this project.
6. Findings **were** made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the EIR, Subsequent EIR, Addendum, and record of project approval is available to the general public at:

Sierra Nevada Conservancy, 11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205, Auburn, CA 95603

Signature (Public Agency):  DocuSigned by:
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Executive Officer
Title:

Date: 6/4/2026

Date Received for filing at OPR:

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code