

ATTACHMENT C

**SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY
PROPOSITION 84 GRANT APPLICATIONS
NOT SUBJECT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

Introduction

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC), a Conservancy within the Natural Resources Agency of the State of California, initiates, encourages, and supports efforts that improve the environmental, economic, and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada Region, its communities, and the citizens of California. SNC jurisdiction encompasses all or portions of 22 counties in the mountains and foothills of the Sierra Nevada; certain neighboring areas, including the Mono Basin, Owens Valley, and the Modoc Plateau; and a part of the southern Cascade region, including the Pit River Watershed.

The SNC Strategic Plan states that it will:

- ▶ Support efforts that advance environmental preservation and the economic and social well-being of Sierra residents in a complementary manner;
- ▶ Work in collaboration and cooperation with local governments and interested parties in carrying out the SNC mission;
- ▶ Make every effort to ensure that, over time, SNC funding and other efforts are spread equitably across each of the various Subregions and among the program areas, with adequate allowance for the variability of costs associated with individual regions and types of projects; and
- ▶ Inform and educate all Californians as to the substantial benefits they enjoy from the Region and the importance of the environmental and economic well-being of the Region.

The statute creating the SNC (Public Resources Code 33300 et seq.) provides for seven specific program objectives:

- ▶ Provide increased opportunities for tourism and recreation;
- ▶ Protect, conserve, and restore the Region's physical, cultural, archaeological, historical, and living resources;
- ▶ Aid in the preservation of working landscapes;
- ▶ Reduce the risk of natural disasters, such as wildfires;
- ▶ Protect and improve water and air quality;
- ▶ Assist the regional economy through the operation of the Conservancy's program; and
- ▶ Undertake efforts to enhance public use and enjoyment of lands owned by the public.

2011 Grant Applications

One of the tools used by SNC to accomplish the seven program objectives is the issuance of grants. As part of SNC review of FY 2011 Grant applications received by January 23, 2012, SNC considered whether or not the action to be funded by the grant is considered a "project" subject to the California

Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); whether or not the action would be exempt from CEQA; and if the action is not exempt from CEQA, what the appropriate CEQA documentation would be.

The grant applications listed in Table 1 below were determined to involve activities that are not considered a “project” subject to CEQA.

Table 1 Sierra Nevada Conservancy Proposition 84 Grant Applications Not Subject to CEQA					
Application Number	Project Name	Applicant	County	Activity	Determination
SNC 460	Tramway Road/A-Line Road Shaded Fuel Break CEQA Environmental Analysis Project	Tehama County Resource Conservation District	Tehama	Pre-Project Activities: CEQA/NEPA Compliance	Site surveys and environmental review are not projects subject to CEQA. (The environmental documents will assess the potential effects of project implementation.)
SNC 470	Malum Ridge Healthy Forest and Watershed Protection	Eastern Madera County Fire Safe Council, Inc.	Madera	Pre-Project Activities: CEQA/NEPA Compliance	Project planning, surveys, and environmental review are not projects subject to CEQA. (The environmental documents will assess the potential effects of project implementation.)
SNC 490	Calaveras Big Trees State Park Fuels Treatments	California Department of Parks and Recreation	Calaveras, Tuolumne	Pre-Project Activities: CEQA/NEPA Compliance	Project planning and environmental review are not projects subject to CEQA. (The environmental documents will assess the potential effects of project implementation.)
SNC 503	Bloody Run Sub-watershed Forest Improvement	USDA Forest Service, Tahoe National Forest	Nevada	Pre-Project Activities: CEQA/NEPA Compliance	Project planning and environmental review are not projects subject to CEQA. (The environmental documents will assess the potential effects of project implementation.)
SNC 564	Caples Creek Watershed Fuels Reduction and Meadow Restoration: A Sierra Nevada Region water purveyor and federal land manager working together to protect water supplies within the Sierra Nevada.	El Dorado Irrigation District	El Dorado, Alpine, Amador	Pre-Project Activities: CEQA/NEPA Compliance	Project planning, surveys, and environmental review are not projects subject to CEQA. (The environmental documents will assess the potential effects of project implementation.)
SNC 565	The North Fork Community – Scale Biomass Project	Yosemite – Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Council	Madera	Pre-Project Activities: CEQA/NEPA Compliance	Project planning, outreach, and environmental review are not projects subject to CEQA. (The environmental documents will assess the potential effects of project implementation.)
SNC 579	Pre-engineering Study: City of Alturas biomass-	City of Alturas	Modoc	Pre-Project Activities: Design/permit	Engineering studies and project design are not projects subject to

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Application Number	Project Name	Applicant	County	Activity	Determination
	based district heating in support of the Forest Health Sage Steppe Project				CEQA.
SNC 580	Create a Restoration Plan for Cahoon Meadow, Sequoia National Park	Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks	Tulare	Pre-Project Activities: CEQA/NEPA Compliance,	Site assessment, restoration design, and environmental review are not projects subject to CEQA. (The environmental documents will assess the potential effects of project implementation.)
SNC 638	Wilseyville Woody Biomass Utilization Product Yard Development Engineering Plans	Calaveras Healthy Impact Products Solutions	Calaveras	Pre-Project Activities: Plan	Development of engineering plans is not a project subject to CEQA.

Grant Application Activities Listed in Table 1 are not “Projects” Subject to CEQA

CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(a) defines “project” as “the whole of an action, which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and that is any of the following:

- (1) An activity directly undertaken by any public agency including but not limited to public works construction and related activities, clearing or grading of land, improvements to existing public structures, enactment and amendment of zoning ordinances, and the adoption and amendment of local General Plans or elements thereof pursuant to Government Code Sections 65100-65700.
- (2) An activity undertaken by a person which is supported in whole or in part through public agency contracts, grants, subsidies, loans, or other forms of assistance from one or more public agencies.
- (3) An activity involving the issuance to a person of a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement for use by one or more public agencies.”

The activities proposed in the grant applications listed in Table 1 involve preparing and completing plans for a specific project design; environmental review/acquiring permits; performing necessary studies, surveys, and assessments related to a specific project; or preparing plans or supplementing existing plans that will result in a specific project or set of projects. Although SNC will provide public assistance in the form of a grant for the activities listed in Table 1, the proposed activities have no potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the environment. Therefore, the activities proposed in the grant applications listed in Table 1 are not “projects” subject to CEQA.

CEQA Does Not Apply to Table 1 Grant Application Activities

Per CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), a project is exempt from CEQA if “the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.” As described above, the activities proposed in the grant applications listed in Table 1 have no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment and are not subject to CEQA.

Potential Future Actions

By funding the grants listed in Table 1, SNC does not authorize, or commit to authorizing, any action that has potential to result in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. As defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(a), described above, any other action that would potentially result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and that would either (1) be directly undertaken by a public agency; (2) be undertaken by a person and supported in whole or in part through a public agency; or (3) that would involve the issuance of an entitlement from a public agency shall be considered a “project” and shall be subject to CEQA. In such cases, the public agency that has the principal responsibility for carrying out or approving the project (the “lead agency” per CEQA Guidelines Section 15367) shall determine the appropriate CEQA documentation and shall ensure that such documentation is prepared.

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Project Title: Willow Creek Springs Hazardous Fuel Reduction (SNC 454)

Project Location – Specific:

The project is located on City owned land surrounded by Plumas National Forest Land, near Willow Creek, on Assessor Parcel Numbers 025-050-017 and 025-050-033, northwest of the City of Portola, in Plumas County, California.

Project Location – City: Portola

Project Location – County: Plumas

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The City of Portola is requesting \$263,230 in funding from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Proposition 84 Healthy Forests Grant Program for hazardous fuels reduction on 168 acres of City owned land northwest of the City of Portola in Plumas County to reduce fire risk, improve forest health and restore ecosystem function. The project involves biomass removal/fuel reduction utilizing thinning from below, mechanical mastication, and hand thinning methods, including prescribed fire. Biomass removal/fuel reduction activities would be completed in accordance with the THP exemption issued for the project and applicable rules adopted under the California Forest Practices Act. Burning activities would be completed in accordance with the California Forest Practices Act, Air Quality Management District, and the California Department of Forestry and Fire permit. Harvesting would be permitted in amounts less than 10 percent of the average volume per acre, under the supervision of a Registered Professional Forester. These activities would target removal or reduction of concentrated surface ladder fuels such as brush and suppressed trees, and the project includes 25 acres of hand thinning. Revenue from the biomass/sawlog activity would go back into maintenance of the proposed project property. The purpose of the project is to preserve and improve forest health, reduce fire risks, protect water quality and reduce sedimentation to creeks, preserve and restore ecosystem function, and improve the watershed.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Portola

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15304, "Minor Alterations to Land"
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed hazardous fuel reduction project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, Class 4, which permits minor public or private alterations in the condition of the land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. The project will provide fuel reduction activities that will control invasive species, reduce the risk of catastrophic fire, and reduce sediment release into the streams, thereby promoting a healthier forest and watershed. The project also includes equipment exclusion zones along water courses in accordance with Forest Practice Rules to protect water quality. No significant adverse impacts to natural resources will occur as a result of the project.

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Project Title: Swanson Canyon Hazardous Fuels Reduction Riparian Enhancement CE/EA Project (SNC 461)

Project Location – Specific:

The project is located in Modoc National Forest, Swanson Canyon, approximately four miles north of Alturas, Modoc County, California, Sections 11, 12, 13, and 14 of Township 43 North, Range 12 East.

Project Location – City: Alturas

Project Location – County: Modoc

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Modoc National Forest is requesting \$73,999 in funding from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Proposition 84 Healthy Forests Grant Program to complete the environmental analysis for proposed fuel reduction treatment on 485 acres. This project includes California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis for the Swanson Canyon Fuel Reduction and Riparian Enhancement Project. Activities under this project include data collection, resource evaluation, and preparation of CEQA and NEPA environmental documents. The purpose of this project is to gather the information necessary to prepare technical documentation for CEQA and NEPA compliance and for agency approval of proposed actions.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Modoc National Forest

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15306, "Information Collection"
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed Swanson Canyon Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Riparian Enhancement CE/EA Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15306, Class 6, which permits basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities for information gathering purposes or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. The project consists of data gathering and resource evaluation for the preparation of technical documents in order to prepare CEQA and NEPA documents and to seek agency approval of proposed actions. No significant adverse impacts to natural resources will occur as a result of the project.

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Project Title: Childs Meadows Head Cut Repair Design and Environmental Analysis Project
(SNC 462)

Project Location – Specific:

The project is located on property owned by The Nature Conservancy, in Childs Meadows, along Gurnsey Creek, 2.5 miles east of Mill Creek, six miles south of Lassen Volcanic National Park, 13 miles west of Chester and Lake Almanor, and 40 miles northeast of Red Bluff, Tehama County, California.

Project Location – City: Mill Creek

Project Location – County: Tehama

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Tehama County Resource Conservation District (RCD) is requesting \$41,663 in funding from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Proposition 84 Healthy Forests Grant Program to complete head cut repair design, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation, and permitting for a structure that would stop head cutting on Gurnsey Creek. Project activities include designing a head-cut structure, preparing cost estimates, data collection, field surveys, evaluating resources, preparing appropriate permits, and filing appropriate CEQA documents. Permits and/or consultation would likely be required from, but not limited to, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Game, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and State Office of Historic Preservation. The purpose of this project is to gather the information necessary to prepare construction drawings and develop a cost estimate, and to provide data to Tehama County RCD to prepare technical documentation for CEQA compliance and to obtain all necessary permits.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Tehama County Resource Conservation District

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15306, "Information Collection"
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed Childs Meadows Head Cut Repair Design and Environmental Analysis Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15306, Class 6, which permits basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities for information gathering purposes or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. The project consists of data gathering and resource evaluation for the preparation of head cut structure engineering design, cost estimates, technical documentation for CEQA compliance, and for obtaining permits. No significant adverse impacts to natural resources will occur as a result of the project.

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Project Title: Forest Health Chipper Program Project (SNC 480)

Project Location – Specific:

The project is located within 23 communities, in the six major watershed areas in the foothills and forested areas of Butte County that make up the wildlife urban interface, Butte County, California.

Project Location – City: Paradise

Project Location – County: Butte

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Butte County Fire Safe Council is requesting \$100,000 in funding from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Proposition 84 Healthy Forests Grant Program for thinning and chipping overstocked brush and trees on about 400 acres in Butte County. The project involves providing chipping services to 23 communities within the County's six major watersheds for landowners in areas identified as wildlife urban interface, conducting pre- and post-treatment monitoring, and reporting treated acres to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for mapping. Chipping the fuels that have been removed by landowners from around homes and putting them back on the ground, reduces the fire carrying capacity of the fuel and serves to help protect the watershed. The chips will prevent soil erosion and provide soil nutrients, and can reduce unwanted weeds and vegetative regrowth. Chipping activities will be conducted on existing roadways and driveways.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Butte County Fire Safe Council

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15304, "Minor Alterations to Land"
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed Forest Health Chipper Program Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, Class 4, which permits minor public or private alterations in the condition of the land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. The project will provide wood chipping treatments on 400 acres in Butte County, thereby reducing fire risk and promoting healthier forests and watersheds. No significant adverse impacts to natural resources will occur as a result of the project.

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Project Title: Campstool Ranch and Working Forest (SNC 489)

Project Location – Specific:

The project site, identified as Calaveras County APNs 020-001-004; 020-001-005; 020-001-031; 020-001-066; 020-001-055; 020-001-065; 020-012-026; 014-005-011; and 014-005-009 is located within the Campstool Ranch area in Calaveras County, California.

Project Location – City: San Andreas

Project Location – County: Calaveras

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Pacific Forest Trust is requesting \$350,000 in funding from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Proposition 84 Healthy Forests Grant Program to apply to the acquisition of a conservation easement on the 2,168-acre Campstool Ranch and Working Forest in the Upper Calaveras Watershed. The easement will provide protection to the eight springs and 5.8 miles of streams on the property, including three miles of the North Fork of the Calaveras River. The easement will allow for continued use of the existing cattle ranch and prevent subdivision and development. The purpose of the easement is to permanently protect and enhance the property's working timberlands and oak woodlands, well-managed cattle ranching, historic sites and important watershed resources. The project will ensure protection of the timberland and meadows and prevent forestland from being converted to other uses.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Pacific Forest Trust

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15325 "Transfers of Ownership of Interest in Land to Preserve Existing Natural Conditions and Historical Resources"
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed Campstool Ranch and Working Forest conservation easement is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA Section 15325, Class 25, which consists of the transfers of ownership of interests in land in order to preserve open space, habitat, or historical resources, including natural conditions and agricultural uses. The project will place a conservation easement over an existing 2,168-acre cattle grazing operation and timberlands. The project will ensure protection of the timberland and streams, and will prevent forestland from being converted to other uses. No changes in land use and no significant adverse impacts to natural resources will occur as a result of the project.

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Project Title: Gillis Hill Fuel Break Project (SNC 513)

Project Location – Specific:

The project is located west of, and parallel to, the North Fork American River, on private land located adjacent to multiple public land holdings managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, and the United State Forest Service and immediately north of the Auburn State Recreation Area (ASRA), east of Colfax, Placer County, California, in the northwest corner of the northeast corner of Section 12, Township 14 North, Range 9 East.

Project Location – City: Colfax

Project Location – County: Placer

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Placer County Resource Conservation District is requesting \$17,528 in funding from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Proposition 84 Healthy Forests Grant Program to complete California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation and permitting for a fuel break on 114 acres. The fuel break proposed on private land would tie into the network of fuel breaks existing and proposed on the public lands within the immediate vicinity of the project site effectively augmenting fire hazard reduction efforts currently underway. Project activities include data collection, field surveys, evaluating resources, preparing necessary permit applications, filing appropriate CEQA documents, flagging the project boundary and areas of sensitivity, and providing a map of the project area. The purpose of this project is to gather the information necessary to prepare technical documentation in order to obtain CEQA approval and all appropriate permits.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Placer County Resource Conservation District

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15306, "Information Collection"
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed Gillis Hill Fuel Break Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15306, Class 6, which permits basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities for information gathering purposes or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. The project consists of data gathering and resource evaluation for the preparation of technical documents for CEQA compliance, for agency consultations and the preparation of necessary permit applications. No significant adverse impacts to natural resources will occur as a result of the project.

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Project Title: Control Velvetgrass (*Holcus lanatus*) in the Kern Canyon of Sequoia National Park and Sequoia National Forest Project (SNC 521)

Project Location – Specific:

The project is located in the Kern Canyon area of Sequoia and Kings Canyon (SEKI) National Park and Sequoia National Forest, in designated wilderness, 26 miles southwest of Lone Pine, in Tulare and Fresno counties, California.

Project Location – City: 26 miles southwest of Lone Pine

Project Location – County: Tulare and Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sequoia and Kings Canyon (SEKI) National Park is requesting \$237,638 in funding from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Proposition 84 Healthy Forests Grant Program for maintenance treatment (invasive species eradication) for a joint effort of SEKI and the United States Forest Service (USFS) on 4.75 acres in the Kern Canyon Area of SEKI and Sequoia National Forest. The proposed project includes removing invasive and non-native plants, mainly velvetgrass, installing tarping materials over the velvetgrass infestations and then using hand pulling and mowing methods, and potential herbicide application. The proposed project also includes revegetation of native plants, where appropriate, and monitoring treatment areas to ensure velvetgrass does not re-establish in the treatment areas. If herbicides are used, application of the herbicide will be done in accordance with the National Park Service Pesticide Use Permit. The project will be consistent with the Wilderness Act and Wild and Scenic River Act requirements, and weed prevention best management practices are incorporated into the proposed project, as indicated in the NEPA documentation. The purpose of the project is to eradicate the velvetgrass to allow for revegetation of native plants in the area. By restoring 4.75 acres infested with velvetgrass the project would improve ecological function and habitat quality on approximately 200 acres, including montane meadows and riparian wetlands, which are considered rare vegetation types in SEKI; restore native vegetative communities; and increase habitat diversity.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15333, "Small Habitat Restoration Projects"
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed Control Velvetgrass (*Holcus lanatus*) in the Kern Canyon of Sequoia National Park and Sequoia National Forest Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15333, Class 33, which permits maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife on projects not to exceed five acres. The project would preserve montane meadow health, riparian wetland health, restore native vegetative communities to the meadow and riparian areas, and increase habitat diversity. No significant adverse impacts to natural resources will occur as a result of the project.

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Project Title: Lower Deer Creek Revegetation Project (SNC 533)

Project Location – Specific:

The project is located on private land at the confluence of Deer and Squirrel Creeks, approximately 2 miles downstream of Lake Wildwood, 2 miles west of the community of Lake Wildwood, Nevada County, California.

Project Location – City: Near Lake Wildwood

Project Location – County: Nevada

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Streams Institute is requesting \$112,932 in funding from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Proposition 84 Healthy Forests Grant Program for meadow restoration on no more than five acres. The proposed project includes removing non-native plants using hand pulling and mowing methods, piling the vegetation for removal or burning, and replanting the area with the native palette. If the vegetation piles are burned, the material will be burned in accordance with burn day regulations of the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District. Vegetation piles would be covered with tarps in order to kill the seeds and avoid seed dispersal until the appropriate burn dates. The purpose of the project is to provide fuels management, remove invasive species, and to revegetate the area with native plants. The project would preserve mixed conifer forest health, restore native vegetative communities to the meadow area, reduce fire risk, improve water quality, increase carbon sequestration capacity, and increase habitat diversity.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sierra Streams Institute

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15333, "Small Habitat Restoration Projects"
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed Lower Deer Creek Healthy Revegetation Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15333, Class 33, which permits maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife on projects not to exceed five acres. The project would preserve mixed conifer forest health, restore native vegetative communities to the meadow area, reduce fire risk, improve water quality, increase carbon sequestration capacity, and increase habitat diversity. No significant adverse impacts to natural resources will occur as a result of the project.

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Project Title: Hirschman's Pond Healthy Forest Initiative Project (SNC 536)

Project Location – Specific:

The project is located along State Route 49, between Indian Flat Road and Cement Hill Road, adjacent to downtown Nevada City, Nevada County, California, Sections 11 and 12 of Township 16 North, Range 8 East.

Project Location – City: Nevada City

Project Location – County: Nevada

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Streams Institute is requesting \$75,000 in funding from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Proposition 84 Healthy Forests Grant Program to complete the Land Management Plan for the 85.24-acre wildlife habitat area surrounding Hirschman's Pond. Project activities include data collection, development of a land management plan, environmental document preparation, and permitting for brush and ladder fuel reduction activities on the project area. The purpose of this project is to gather information, prepare a land management plan, and prepare CEQA compliance documentation and permit applications to secure approval to implement fuel reduction activities. Future project implementation would result in a healthier forest, improved wildlife habitat, improved recreation opportunities, reduced fire risk, and protection of water quality in Woods Ravine, a tributary to Deer Creek.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sierra Streams Institute

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15306, "Information Collection"
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed Hirschman's Pond Healthy Forest Initiative Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15306, Class 6, which permits basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities for information gathering purposes or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. The project consists of data gathering, resource assessment, development of a land management plan, preparation of technical documents for CEQA compliance, and preparation of permit applications. No significant adverse impacts to natural resources will occur as a result of the project.

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Project Title: White Sulphur Springs Ranch Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project Plan
(SNC 552)

Project Location – Specific:

The project is located at the White Sulphur Springs Ranch, 2200 Highway 89, in Mohawk Valley, Clito, Plumas County, California.

Project Location – City: Clito

Project Location – County: Plumas

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Mohawk Valley Stewardship Council is requesting \$20,000 in funding from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Proposition 84 Healthy Forests Grant Program to complete the planning tasks needed to prepare a hazardous fuels reduction plan on 40 acres. Project activities include data collection, resource evaluation, designation of trees and vegetation to be removed, forest product assessment, preparation of appropriate technical documents for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and timber harvesting permits, and filing of a Forest Fire Prevention Exemption/CEQA document for CEQA compliance. The purpose of this project is to gather the information necessary to prepare a hazardous fuels reduction plan, prepare appropriate environmental documents and prepare necessary permit applications in order to obtain approvals.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Mohawk Valley Stewardship Council

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c);
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15306, "Information Collection"
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed White Sulphur Springs Ranch Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project Plan is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15306, Class 6, which permits basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities for information gathering purposes or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. The project consists of data gathering and resource evaluation for the preparation of technical documents for CEQA compliance and necessary permit applications in order to obtain agency approval. No significant adverse impacts to natural resources will occur as a result of the project.

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Project Title: Burney Gardens Restoration Planning Project (SNC 553)

Project Location – Specific:

The project is located near Lassen National Forest, east of Redding and south of Burney, along Tamarack Road, Shasta County, California, Sections 13, 14, 23, and 24 of Township (T) 34 North (N), Range (R) 2 East (E), Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 23, 24, and 15 of T33N R2E, and Sections 18 and 19 of T33N R3E.

Project Location – City: Redding and Burney

Project Location – County: Shasta

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Fall River Resource Conservation District is requesting \$75,000 in funding from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Proposition 84 Healthy Forests Grant Program to develop a grazing and forest management and monitoring plan, and complete environmental documentation and permitting to restore 2000 acres of meadow and thin 1000 acres of dense forest in the Burney Gardens area. The project area includes four separate land owners who currently lease different grazing permits. Project activities will include developing design approaches for stream restoration on one section of Burney Creek in the project area that is severely entrenched.. A Timber Harvest Plan (THP), which satisfied the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for many of the anticipated restoration and management activities, has been approved by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire). The development of the grazing and forest management plan and the completion of the assessment and design for stream restoration may necessitate an amendment to the approved THP. The purpose of this project is to gather information, prepare management plans within the project area to aid in watershed restoration and forest /meadow management, and to develop an assessment and design plan for the northern stream section.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Fall River Resource Conservation District

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15306, "Information Collection"
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed Burney Gardens Restoration Planning Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15306, Class 6, which permits basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities for information gathering purposes or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. The project consists of data gathering and resource evaluation for the preparation of resource management plans. No significant adverse impacts to natural resources will occur as a result of the project.

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Project Title: Loney Meadow Aspen Regeneration Project: Phase 2 Project (SNC 588)

Project Location – Specific:

The project is located in Loney Meadow, on U.S. Forest Service (USFS) land surrounded by the Tahoe National Forest, five miles southeast of Graniteville, in Nevada County, California.

Project Location – City: 5 miles southeast of Graniteville

Project Location – County: Nevada

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The South Yuba Citizens League is requesting \$49,265.64 in funding from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Grant Program for four acres of meadow restoration in the Tahoe National Forest. The proposed project includes using hand tools to remove small conifers (less than 10 inches in diameter at breast height) from the existing aspen groves, piling conifers to be used as grazing barriers (or removing if deemed a fire hazard), enhancing two of the four acres for aspen regeneration complying with USFS Best Management Practices specified in the applicable Forest Plan, removing old interpretive signs and designing and installing 15 new interpretive signs. The purpose of the project is to provide a healthy, native forest, reduce fire risks, improve habitat, and accomplish meadow restoration. The project would enhance aspen grove and meadow health, and reduce the risk of fire.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: South Yuba Citizens River League

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15333, "Small Habitat Restoration Projects"; Section 15303, construction of small structures; Section 15301 repair of existing facilities.
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed Groundhog Meadow Watershed Restoration Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15333, Class 33, which permits maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife on projects not to exceed five acres, Section 15303, which exempts the construction of small structures, such as interpretive signs, and Section 15301, which exempts the repair of existing facilities, including signs. The project would restore and enhance aspen grove and meadow health, reduce the risk of fire using hand tools for fuel reduction and meadow restoration on four acres, and includes the repair of existing signs and the installation of some new signs.. No significant adverse impacts to natural resources will occur as a result of the project.

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Project Title: Planning High-Priority Invasive Plant Management in Mixed Conifer Forests in the Sierra Nevada Project (SNC 613)

Project Location – Specific:

The project would address two sites. Site 1 is located on 3.5 acres in Plumas National Forest, seven miles northeast of Greenville, seven miles north of Taylorsville, 12.5 miles east of Lake Almanor, Plumas County, California. Site 2 is located along Old Priest Grade, near the intersection of Highway 120 and Priest Coulterville Road, on California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) properties, 2.5 miles southwest of Groveland, 22 miles west of Yosemite National Park, Tuolumne County, California.

Project Location – City: Site 1 – Greenville; Site 2 - Groveland

Project Location – County: Site 1 – Plumas; Site 2 - Tuolumne

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Invasive Plant Council is requesting \$58,593 in funding from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Proposition 84 Healthy Forests Grant Program to complete invasive plant management plans and environmental compliance documents for two key "rapid response" sites in Plumas and Tuolumne Counties. Key stakeholders for the project include, but are not limited to, the U.S. Forest Service, National Parks, BLM, University of California Cooperative Extension, Plumas and Tuolumne County Agricultural Departments, Caltrans, Plumas and Tuolumne Resource Conservation Districts, and Sierra Pacific Industries. The project involves data collection, field surveys, evaluating resources, preparing project-specific California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance documents, completing invasive species management plans for each site, and preparing appropriate permit applications. The purpose of this project is to gather information and to prepare a rapid response invasive species management plan, as well as technical documentation for CEQA and NEPA compliance and all appropriate permits.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Invasive Plant Council

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15306, "Information Collection"
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed Planning High-Priority Invasive Plant Management in Mixed Conifer Forests in the Sierra Nevada Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15306, Class 6, which permits basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities for information gathering purposes or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. The project consists of data gathering and resource evaluation, preparation of invasive plant management plans and technical documents for CEQA and NEPA compliance,

and preparation of application materials for appropriate permits. No significant adverse impacts to natural resources will occur as a result of the project.

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Project Title: Van Vleck Meadow Complex Assessment and Restoration Plan Project
(SNC 622)

Project Location – Specific:

The project is located in the El Dorado National Forest, outside of Desolation Wilderness, north of Union Valley Reservoir, along Cheese Camp Road, which is accessed via Ice House Road, approximately 16 miles northeast of Pollock Pines, El Dorado County, California, Township 13 North, Range 15 East.

Project Location – City: Pollock Pines

Project Location – County: El Dorado

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The El Dorado National Forest, Pacific Ranger District is requesting \$75,000 in funding from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Proposition 84 Healthy Forests Grant Program to design and complete the environmental analysis for four future priority projects within the Van Vleck Meadow Complex: Van Vleck Bunkhouse road reconstruction, Van Vleck Meadow Berm Removal, Trail reconstruction and maintenance, and Calf Pasture Meadow Restoration. Project activities include preparing project designs, completing required surveys, completing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance documentation, collecting baseline monitoring data, and completing permitting for sites selected. The priority projects are based on the Rapid Watershed Condition Assessment and identified in the 5-year restoration plan prepared by El Dorado National Forest for the Van Vleck Meadow Complex. The purpose of the project is to complete the design and environmental documentation so the El Dorado National Forest Pacific Ranger District will be prepared to compete for implementation funding for these projects.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: El Dorado National Forest, Pacific Ranger District

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15306, "Information Collection"
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed Van Vleck Meadow Complex Assessment and Restoration Plan Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15306, Class 6, which permits basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities for information gathering purposes or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. The project consists of data gathering, resource evaluation, preparation of technical documents for CEQA and NEPA compliance, and preparation of necessary permit applications. No significant adverse impacts to natural resources will occur as a result of the project.

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Project Title: ACCG Collaborative Project: West Calaveras Plantation Thinning NEPA Project (SNC 630)

Project Location – Specific:

The project is located in Stanislaus National Forest, along Winton Road, east of West Point, Calaveras County, California, Townships 6 and 7 North, Ranges 14, 15, and 16 East.

Project Location – City: West Point

Project Location – County: Calaveras

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture/U.S. Forest Service (USDA/USFS) Stanislaus National Forest (NF) – Calaveras Ranger District is requesting \$74,975 in funding from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy’s Proposition 84 Healthy Forests Grant Program to complete the environmental documentation needed for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance regarding forest thinning on 550 acres in the Stanislaus NF. Project activities include data collection, including field surveys, resource evaluation, and preparation of appropriate environmental documentation for compliance with NEPA and CEQA. The purpose of this project is to gather the information necessary to prepare technical documents in order to provide NEPA and CEQA compliance and obtain approval for forest thinning activities that will ultimately enhance forest health, reduce fire intensity and severity, and improve watershed conditions.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: USDA/USFS Stanislaus National Forest – Calaveras Ranger District

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15306, “Information Collection”
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed ACCG Collaborative Project: West Calaveras Plantation Thinning NEPA Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15306, Class 6, which permits basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities for information gathering purposes or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. The project consists of data gathering, including field surveys, and resource evaluation for the preparation of technical documents for NEPA and CEQA compliance and agency approvals. No significant adverse impacts to natural resources will occur as a result of the project.

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Project Title: Mountain Home Fuel Load Reduction Project (SNC 644)

Project Location – Specific:

The project is located in Mountain Home Demonstration State Forest, surrounded by Sequoia National Monument land, 22 miles east of Porterville, Tulare County, California.

Project Location – City: Porterville

Project Location – County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Tulare County Resource Conservation District is requesting \$350,000 in funding from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy’s Proposition 84 Healthy Forests Grant Program for fuel reduction treatment on 310 acres within a 671-acre project area. This project includes fuel reduction by using mechanical mastication equipment (small bobcat) on 17 areas ranging in size from 20 to 185 acres, totaling 310 acres, within the Mountain Home Demonstration State Forest. The masticator will use benches and existing skid trails to access the areas in order to avoid sensitive species. Treated material will be left as is or piled and scheduled to broadcast burning at a later date. Any burning, although done outside the funding of this project, would only occur with appropriate permitting on designated burn days. No special status plant species are anticipated to occur within the 17 project areas identified. Project activities would avoid any nesting birds, including raptors, and seasonal restriction on the removal of vegetation would be enforced. No known archaeological resources within the project’s 17 areas would be affected. Pre-construction surveys are required for biological and cultural resources prior to commencement of any project activities. The purpose of the fuel load reduction is to reduce wildfire severity and protect the watersheds and forest by connecting existing fuel breaks within the Mountain Home Demonstration State Forest. This will provide for increased forest and watershed health, as well as increased safety for the public utilizing the five campgrounds, three fishing ponds, and associated trails.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Tulare County Resource Conservation District

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15304, “Minor Alterations to Land”
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed Mountain Home Fuel Load Reduction Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, Class 4, which permits minor public or private alterations in the condition of the land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. The project consists of minor land alterations (mechanical mastication for fuel reduction to connect fuel breaks) that will reduce the severity of forest fires. Thus, the project would

ultimately improve forest and watershed health and provide a safer area for recreational users. No significant adverse impacts to natural resources will occur as a result of the project.

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