

ATTACHMENT 3
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:
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From:
California Tahoe Conservancy
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Project Title: Griff Creek Bridge Construction and Restoration Project

Project Location – Specific: The Project is located on the Conservancy's 642-acre Griff Creek property (Placer County Assessment Numbers 090-020-007 and 090-020-008), which is north of Kings Beach where Gas Line Road meets Griff Creek (Exhibit A).

Project Location – City: Kings Beach

Project Location – County: Placer County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project consists of constructing a bridge to replace a previously collapsed bridge and restoring a small area damaged by off-highway vehicle use. The bridge construction will reduce the current impacts to soil and water quality by eliminating the issues of public in-stream traversing and associated resource damage. The restoration activities will reduce sediment loss into Griff Creek and enhance the natural resources on Conservancy land.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

California Tahoe Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: USDA Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit and California Tahoe Conservancy

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial (§ 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§ 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§ 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption Classes 2 & 33, §§ 15302 and 15333 (See also Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 12102.2).

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The replacement of the collapsed bridge is exempt because the activities involve the replacement of a previously existing bridge that will be located on the same site and will serve substantially the same purpose and capacity as the original bridge. The minor habitat restoration activities are exempt for the following reasons: 1) they do not occur on more than five acres when the project area is approximately 0.10 acres; 2) they will enhance fish, plant, or wildlife habitat by eliminating future excess sediment delivery and erosion into Griff Creek, 3) they will have no significant impact on endangered, rare, or threatened species or their habitat, 4) there are no hazardous materials at or around the Project site that may be disturbed or removed, and 5) they will not result in impacts that

are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past, current, or probable future projects.

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