

ATTACHMENT 5

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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

Subject:
Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Public Resources Code section 21108.

Project Title: Tahoe Program Timberland Environmental Impact Report (Tahoe PTEIR)

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019069054

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Project Location:

Within 17,480 acres on the California side of the Lake Tahoe Basin (Basin) in Placer County and El Dorado County (Exhibit A).

Project Description:

The program includes ongoing forest management treatments to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire and improve forest ecosystem conditions. Treatment activities within the program may include manual/hand thinning, mechanical thinning, and prescribed burning. The program would treat an estimated 900-1,300 acres per year within the 17,480-acre program area. The California Tahoe Conservancy (Conservancy) authorized implementation of its Forestry Program Guidelines (Guidelines). The Guidelines shape the Conservancy's Community and Landscape Forestry Programs and provide standards for implementing future forestry projects consistent with the Tahoe PTEIR.

This is to advise that the Conservancy, acting as a responsible agency, has approved the program as described above on November 8, 2021 (Agenda Item 9) and has made the following determinations:

1. The program will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) prepared the Tahoe PTEIR as lead agency and certified it on April 7, 2021. CAL FIRE filed its notice of determination on April 8, 2021 with the California State Clearinghouse. The Tahoe PTEIR, notice of determination, and record of approval may be examined on the North Tahoe Fire Protection District's website at <https://www.ntfire.net/tahoe-pteir>. The Conservancy considered the Tahoe PTEIR prepared by CAL FIRE prior to authorizing implementation of its Guidelines.
3. Mitigation measures were a condition of the approval of the program by the Conservancy.
4. The Conservancy adopted a mitigation monitoring and reporting program.
5. The Conservancy made findings pursuant to section 15091 of the CEQA Guidelines.
6. The Conservancy adopted a Statement of Overriding Considerations for the program.

Fish and Game Fees: A California Department of Fish and Wildlife Environmental Filing Fee is not required because the Tahoe PTEIR is part of a certified regulatory program under the Forest Practice Act.

Date Received for Filing:

Jane Freeman
Acting Executive Director