ATTACHMENT 4

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 Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title: Senate Bill 630 Aquatic Invasive Plant Surveillance and Rapid Response Grant Award (Project)

State Clearinghouse Number: 2020080218

Contact Person: Jen Greenberg **Telephone Number:** (530) 543-6060

Project Location:

The Project location is sites previously treated for aquatic invasive plants and known invasive plant hotspots in the nearshore of Lake Tahoe in California. (Exhibit A).

Project Description:

The Project involves the implementation of aquatic invasive plant (AIP) surveillance and management throughout suitable habitat areas within the Project location described above. The Conservancy will grant funding to Tahoe Resource Conservation District (Tahoe RCD) to conduct AIP surveillance and rapid response activities. With the funding, Tahoe RCD will employ divers to assess identified sites for invasive curlyleaf pondweed and Eurasian watermilfoil, and remove plants if detected using approved physical control methods. Removal activities will include diver-assisted hand removal, and/or plant barrier installation and removal. Tahoe RCD or its contractor will select the appropriate method depending on site-specific conditions such as plant species, lake stage, and the size and density of the infestation.

This notice is to advise that the Conservancy, acting as a responsible agency, has approved the above described activities on March 16, 2023 (Agenda Item 6) and has made the following determinations:

- 1. The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2. The lead agency, Tahoe RCD, prepared and approved a mitigated negative declaration (MND) for the Lake-Wide Control of Aquatic Invasive Plants Project on January 12, 2021. Tahoe RCD filed an NOD on January 12, 2021. A copy of the MND and mitigation monitoring and reporting program (MMRP) are available for public review on <u>Tahoe RCD's website</u> at https://tahoercd.org/tahoe-aquatic-invasive-species-resources/ or upon request. The Conservancy reviewed and considered the MND prepared by Tahoe RCD prior to approval. The Project is within the scope of the MND.
- 3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of approval by Tahoe RCD and the Conservancy.

4.	The Conservancy adopted an MMRP for the Project.	

Fish and Game Fees: Tahoe RCD paid the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Environmental Filing Fee for this Project. This notice includes a copy of the receipt (Exhibit B).

Date Received for Filing:
Jason Vasques
Executive Director