Sierra County
Board of Supervisors’
Agenda Transmittal &
Record of Proceedings

**Meeting Date:** May 7, 2019
**Type of Agenda Item:**
☑ Regular  ☐ Timed  ☐ Consent

**Department:** PLANNING
**Approving Party:** Tim H. Beals
**Phone Number:** 530-289-3251

**Agenda Item:** Request of Sierra County Land Trust for technical assistance from the County in administering the CEQA process for grant funding that the Land Trust is seeking for projects.

**Supportive Documents Attached:** ☑ Memo  ☐ Resolution  ☐ Agreement  ☐ Other

**Background Information:**

**Funding Source:** SNC Grant
**General Fund Impact:** No General Fund Impact
**Other Fund:** Amount: $ N/A

**Are Additional Personnel Required?** ☑ No

**Is This Item Allocated in the Budget?** ☑ Yes  ☐ No

**Is a Budget Transfer Required?** ☑ Yes  ☐ No

**Board Action:**
☐ Approved
☐ Approved as amended
☐ Adopted
☐ Adopted as amended
☐ Denied
☐ Other
☐ No Action Taken

☐ Set public hearing
  For: ______________________
☐ Direction to: ______________
☐ Referred to: ______________
☐ Continued to: ______________
☐ Authorization given to: ______________

Resolution 2019- ____________
Agreement 2019- ____________
Ordinance _________________

**Vote:**
Ayes: ______________________
Noes: _____________________
Abstain: _________________
Absent: ____________________
☐ By Consensus

**Comments:**

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**Clerk to the Board**

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**Date**
1. **Fuel Reduction Project**
   Announcement that Sierra County Land Trust has received a grant from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for a fuel reduction project along roads through the Land Trust properties in Packer Saddle area this fall.

2. **CEQA Lead Agency/ Categorical Exemptions for land acquisitions**
   Request for Sierra County to be Lead Agency for CEQA, in particular for Categorical Exemptions for land acquisition grant applications in general and specifically the Hayes-O’Gara Sierra Buttes Open Space Preserve acquisition grant applications.

   **Background:**
   **Hayes-O’Gara Sierra Buttes Open Space Preserve Current Grant Application**
   The Sierra County Land Trust is in the process of submitting a grant application to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for acquisition (fee title and 1 easement) of 433.77 acres in the Buttes Mine Rd/ 4 wheel drive road area. Since they are acquisitions, with no physical project, a Categorical Exemption is appropriate. The granting agency needs to know who will be Lead Agency. (Map attached)

   Agreement to be Lead Agency and process NOE from Board of Supervisors needed by July 5, 2019. NOE should be filed sometime in July, 2019 before final application is submitted to SNC. SCLT will fill out the NOE for County to approve and file.

   **Future Applications Needing CEQA Lead Agency/ Categorical Exemptions for land acquisitions**
   In the near future, we expect to apply for acquisition grants in this same Hayes/O’Gara Sierra Buttes Open Space Preserve area (68.99 additional acres) as other properties within and near the Sierra Buttes/Lakes Basin Special Treatment Area. Deadlines will vary.
Location Map
Proposed Hayes O'Gara Sierra Buttes Open Space Preserve
Strategic Land Conservation Grant Parcels Highlighted.

Parcels 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9 Current grant application (Strategic Land Conservation Grant - SLC)
Parcels 5, 8, 10 Future grant applications