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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Butte County
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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

BUTTE COUNTY (COUNTY), ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR THE TSM18-0001- CREEKSIDE ESTATES PROJECT (PROJECT); SCH #2019070999

Dear Mr. Mark Michelena:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Project. The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (State Water Board) is responsible for issuing water supply permits administered under the Safe Drinking Water Act and will require a new or amended water supply permit for the above referenced Project. A project requires a permit if it includes water system consolidation or changes to a water supply source, storage, or treatment or a waiver or alternative from Waterworks Standards (California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 22, Chapter 16 et. seq).

The proposed Project includes creating 47 single family residential lots on a 49-acre parcel, including a lot for an existing home. The Project will be completed in three phases. Phase I will include development of lots 1-9 and 40-47. Phase II will include development of lots 10-17 and 29-39. Phase III will include development of lots 18-28. Streets and bike paths will be installed, and residential setbacks from orchards and vineyards will be implemented. Durham Irrigation District's main waterline will be extended. The Project will also include installing a 1,500-gallon per minute well, filters, a backup generator, and piping, to supply domestic and fire water flows. The intent of the Project is to provide homes for displaced fire victims.

The State Water Board as a responsible agency under CEQA, has the following comments on the County's draft Initial Study and EIR.

- The State Water Board, DDW has enforcement responsibility for the Federal and California Safe Drinking Water Act and is the regulating agency for public water systems.
 - The updated EIR identifies required permits, plans, and conditions in Section 2.5. and Drinking Water System approval was listed under California Department of Public Health. The California Waterworks Standards [CCR Title 22, Division 4, Chapter 16, Article 2, 64556(a)(3)] requires a public water system to apply for an amended domestic water supply permit prior to modifications of the water supply by adding a new source. If the Project will include the addition of a new source for Durham Irrigation District, please list the State Water Board, DDW as a permitting agency for a domestic water supply permit amendment.
 - Please update discussions regarding the agency with regulatory authority for public water system permits in Section 5.5.2.2, PDF page 93.

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- When discussing new water facilities in Section 5.5.5.2, PDF page 98, please also list The State Water Board, DDW, regarding the placement and adherence to requirements in addition to the county health department.
- The Project includes individual septic systems that will be used for wastewater treatment and includes the installation of a stormwater drainage system. Projects that install multiple public services may require alternatives to California Waterworks Standards (CWS). If the Project will include implementing an alternative (Section 64551.0) to California Water Works Standards, such as an alternative to Title 22, Division 4, Chapter 16, Article 4, Section 64572- water main separation (from wastewater), please include such plans in the Project analysis.
- The updated EIR provided a map of the project area (PDF page 26) and the subdivision map (PDF page 34). Appendix F includes the whole plan set for the Tentative Subdivision Map. The water system well and pump site, water main extension, and piping are not clearly identified on the maps. Appendix F, Sheet 8 of 10, "Conceptual Drainage Plan, Well Location, and Leach Field Location Map", does not assign a well point, area, or location for the well on the map. The updated EIR for the water main connection also only indicates Durham Irrigation District will extend their main water line west of the Project site, (PDF page 89), and does not provide a defined point, area, or specific location. Please include all water system components on the map (well, pump site, water main extension, and piping) or discuss where they may be sited within the Project area. If the components will be installed outside the currently analyzed Project area, please extend the Project area to include these sites and ensure this area is also analyzed in the document when considering all environmental impacts.
- The document states, "The project will result in the construction of septic tanks, leach fields, and a new well. The placement and adherence to requirements of the County and Health Department will ensure there are not significant environmental effects. Less than significant Impacts," (PDF page 98). Please address potential impacts of all the water system components besides just the well, including the filters, the backup generator, the water main, and the piping. If new water facilities beyond what was proposed by the Project will be required, such as a water storage tank to meet fire flow and pressure requirements, please also discuss these components in this section and identify their construction location within the Project area. If some of the system components were not considered when addressing other environmental impact checklist sections, please also consider them, individually and/or as part of the Project as a whole, when addressing all other checklist sections.
- Discharges resulting from disinfection and operation of water system components will be required. Please have Durham Irrigation District coordinate with the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, Redding (Central Valley Regional Board, Redding) staff listed here on water system discharges:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/waste_discharge_requirements/waste_discharge_requirements_statewide_contacts.html

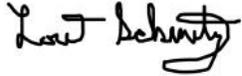
Once the EIR is certified and adopted, please forward the following items in support of Durham's Irrigation District's permit application to the State Water Board, Valley District Office:

- Copy of the draft, update, and final EIR, that includes the attached Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan, with any comment letters received and the lead agency responses as appropriate;
- Copy of the Resolution or Board Minutes adopting the EIR and;

- A copy of the stamped Notice of Determination filed at the Butte County Clerk's Office and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse.

Please contact Reese Crenshaw at the Valley District Office, at (530) 224-4861 or Reese.Crenshaw@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any questions regarding water supply permitting requirements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori Schmitz". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

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