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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

Chuck Kinney  
Deputy Director of Planning  
Kings County  
1400 West Lacey Boulevard, Building 6  
Hanford, California 93230

RE: SCH# 2019080497 Jackson Ranch Specific Plan Initial Study

Dear Mr. Kinney:

The Division of Operations and Maintenance of the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) staff has reviewed the initial study for the proposed Jackson Ranch Specific Plan. DWR appreciates the opportunity to provide comments at this time, especially considering portions of the proposed project may encroach on a DWR drainage easement.

Section 1.1 - Project Location explains the proposed plan's western boundary abuts the California Aqueduct. The California Aqueduct is maintained by DWR's Division of Operations and Maintenance. In order to operate and maintain the California Aqueduct at this location, DWR holds drainage easements east of the California Aqueduct and within the proposed plan location. Considering DWR approval is required for activities and improvements within the easements, DWR requests Section 2, Environmental checklist number 10 Other Public Agencies Whose Approval is Required (e.g., permits, financial approval, or participation agreements) be amended to include the California Department of Water Resources.

In addition, please provide DWR with a copy of any subsequent environmental documentation with regards to the Plan when they become available for public review. Please send the document to:

Leroy Ellinghouse, Chief  
State Water Project Right-of-Way Management Section  
Division of Operations and Maintenance  
California Department of Water Resources  
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If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan Canuela at (916) 653-5095 or Leroy Ellinghouse at (916) 653-7168.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Finch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "F".

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