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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

Mr. Joshua Dorris  
County of Humboldt  
3015 H Street  
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Marshall Ranch Streamflow Enhancement Project  
SCH# 2019109088  
Humboldt County

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Dear Mr. Dorris:

The Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) has reviewed the revised draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Marshall Ranch Streamflow Enhancement Project submitted by Humboldt County, dated October 2020, which describes the proposed construction of a 16-million-gallon reservoir on the Marshall Ranch. DSOD previously sent a comment letter dated December 16, 2019, stating that insufficient information was provided to determine if the project was subject to State jurisdiction for dam safety.

As defined in sections 6002 and 6003, Division 3, of the California Water Code, dams 25 feet or higher with a storage capacity of more than 15 acre-feet, and dams higher than 6 feet with a storage capacity of greater than 50 acre-feet or more are subject to State jurisdiction. The dam height is the vertical distance measured from the maximum possible water storage level to the downstream toe of the barrier.

DSOD finds that the selected 16-million-gallon reservoir alternative will not be subject to State jurisdiction for dam safety because the barrier height is less than 25 feet and the storage volume is less than 50 acre-feet.

No alteration increasing the height or storage capacity of the proposed reservoir may be made in the future without prior written approval from DSOD. As long as the height of the barrier and storage capacity of the reservoir are not increased, the proposed reservoir is not subject to State jurisdiction and no further action will be required by the County of Humboldt or taken by DSOD.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact Area Engineer Michelle Lockhart at (916) 565-7814 or me at (916) 565-7813.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Bowlus".

Russell Bowlus, Regional Engineer  
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