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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

Notice of Completion  
Swift Homes Subdivision (TSM 20-003)  
SCH# 2021020450  
Tulare County

Dear Mr. Guerra:

The Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) has reviewed the Notice of Completion for the Swift Homes Subdivision and the February 2021 initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration, which describes the proposed construction of 206 single-family residences on a 37-acre site, including a stormwater detention basin, near the unincorporated community of Goshen in Tulare County.

Insufficient information is provided in the project description to make an accurate jurisdictional determination with regards to the stormwater detention basin and it is unclear whether some or all the work will be subject to State jurisdiction for dam safety. Therefore, Tulare County Resource Management Agency needs to submit preliminary plans of the proposed stormwater detention basin so that DSOD can make a jurisdictional determination.

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 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.

If the dam is subject to State jurisdiction, a construction application, together with plans, specifications, and the appropriate filing fee must be filed with DSOD for this project. All dam safety related issues must be resolved prior to approval of the application, and the work must be performed under the direction of a Civil Engineer registered in California. Erik Malvick, our Design Engineering Branch Chief, is responsible for the application process and can be reached at (916) 565-7840.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact Area Engineer Cameron Lancaster at (916) 565-7830 or me at (916) 565-7827.

Sincerely,

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