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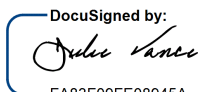
**Subject: Carleton Acres Specific Plan (Project)
Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)
State Clearinghouse No. 2021050418**

Dear Brandon Smith:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments and recommendations regarding those activities involved in the Project that may affect California fish and wildlife. Likewise, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments regarding those aspects of the Project that CDFW, by law, may be required to carry out or approve through the exercise of its own regulatory authority under Fish and Game Code.

After reviewing the provided CEQA document, CDFW concurs with the biological resources related analyses and measures proposed in the DEIR and recommends that all such measures in the DEIR be carried forward into the Final EIR. CDFW has determined that the biological resource mitigation measures as currently documented in the DEIR are sufficient for mitigation of potential project related impacts to listed species. Please note that take of any species listed under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) would be unauthorized if an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2081 subdivision (b) was not acquired in advance of such actions. It is recommended to consult with CDFW before any ground disturbing activities commence and to obtain an ITP if take of CESA listed species cannot be avoided.

Sincerely,

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