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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR ZONE AMENDMENT 20-0002 AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT COMMERCIAL 20-0002 (CHICOINE & LE STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER 2021090168, ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 098-540-042, REDDING, SHASTA COUNTY

Dear Lio Salazar:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) has reviewed the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) dated September 9, 2021, for the above-referenced project (Project). As a trustee for the State's fish and wildlife resources, the Department has jurisdiction over the conservation, protection, and management of fish, wildlife, native plants, and their habitat. As a responsible agency, the Department administers the California Endangered Species Act and other provisions of the Fish and Game Code that conserve the State's fish and wildlife public trust resources. The Department offers the following comments and recommendations on this Project in our role as a trustee and responsible agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, California Public Resources Code §21000 et seq.

Project Description

The Project as proposed is *"consists of amending the zoning of the project site from the Commercial Highway combined with Design Review (C-H-DR) zone district to the Commercial Recreation combined with Design Review (C-R-DR) zone district and the development of a recreational vehicle and equipment (RVs, boats, OHVs, and other recreational vehicles and equipment) storage facility consisting of 52,218 square feet of storage space, conversion/remodel of an office building for use as a 580-square-foot facility office, 800-square-foot one-family residence for the facility manager or caretaker, off-street parking, driveways, drainage improvements, fencing, landscaping, abandonment of an onsite sewage disposal system, and installation of an onsite wastewater treatment system. Development of the site would include grading, trenching, paving and other general construction activities."* The Project would permanently impact a total of 0.02 acre of waters of the State.

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Comments and Recommendations

The Department commented on this Project via electronic mail on April 20, 2021, during the early consultation period. The Department has the following comments and recommendations as they pertain to biological resources:

Wetlands:

The Aquatic Resources Delineation dated July 2021, and prepared by Gallaway Enterprises, states that a 0.02-acre seasonal swale will be impacted by the Project. As stated in the report, the isolated wetland may not be under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers but is considered a water of the State. Wetlands are considered extremely valuable natural resources and the Department considers them to be a sensitive habitat. To this end, the state policy requires no net loss of these habitats pursuant to the State's wetland Policy¹. The Department recommends compensatory mitigation at a minimum 2:1 ratio for the permanent impact of 0.02 acre of seasonal swale in order to ensure no net loss of wetland resources.

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Henderson, Senior Environmental Scientist, at (530) 598-7194, or by email at Amy.Henderson@wildlife.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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¹ Fish and Game Commission Wetlands Resources Policy (Amended 8/18/05)