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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Humboldt County Planning Department
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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

HUMBOLT COUNTY (COUNTY), MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) FOR THE BLOCKSBURG FAMILY FARM, LLC PROJECT (PROJECT); SCH #2021110058

Dear Mr. Desmond Johnson:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Project. The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (State Water Board, DDW) is responsible for issuing water supply permits pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water Act. A project requires a permit if it includes water system consolidation or changes to a water supply source, storage, or treatment or a waiver or alternative from Waterworks Standards (California Code of Regulations (CCR) title 22, chapter 16 et. seq). The above referenced Project may require a new or amended water supply permit.

The State Water Board, DDW, as a responsible agency under CEQA, has the following comments on the County's current draft MND:

- The State Water Board, DDW regulates public water systems in Humboldt County. “Public water system” means a system for the provision of water for human consumption through pipes or other constructed conveyances that has 15 or more service connections or regularly serves at least 25 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year.” (Health and Safety Code, division 104, part 12, chapter 4, article 1, section 116275 [h]).
 - The document indicates “Employees will number between (6) and twenty-five (25) depending on the Phase and the planting schedule” (PDF page 11). The document also indicates, “Water will be used during project operations to irrigate crops and provide water for drinking, sinks, and toilets.”
 - If the proposed Project will meet the definition of a public water system,
 - Describe the existing and proposed drinking water infrastructure
 - Under the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) add “Water supply permit” to “Primary (not comprehensive) Permits and Approvals:” (PDF Page 6).

Once the MND is adopted, please forward the following items in support of Blocksburg Family Farm's permit application to the State Water Board, DDW Klamath District Office to DWPDIST01@waterboards.ca.gov:

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- Copy of the draft and final MND that also includes the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan, and any comment letters received and the lead agency responses as appropriate;
- Copy of the Resolution or Board Minutes adopting the MND; and
- Copy of the stamped Notice of Determination filed at the Humboldt County Clerk's Office and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse.

Please contact Lori Schmitz of the State Water Board at (916) 449-5285 or Lori.Schmitz@waterboards.ca.gov, if you have any questions regarding State Water Board CEQA comments.

Sincerely,

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