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Mariposa County
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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

MARIPOSA COUNTY (COUNTY), MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) FOR THE COMMERCIAL-INDUSTRIAL-MANUFACTURING PLAN NO. 2021-124 PROJECT (PROJECT); SCH # 2021110182

Dear Mr. Steve Enger:

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 administered under the Safe Drinking Water Act and may require a new or amended water supply permit for the above referenced Project. A project requires a permit if it includes water system consolidation or changes to a water supply source, storage, or treatment or an approval of an alternative to the Waterworks Standards (California Code of Regulations (CCR) title 22, chapter 16 et. seq).

The proposed Project includes developing 80, 200-foot² to 288-foot² platform canvas tents and a 100-foot² check in-kiosk on an existing 36-acre. The tents would hold a total of 200 guests. The Project will also install a 1,200-foot²-foot bathhouse with men and woman's bathrooms and a septic facility, parking spaces, on-site water and sewer facilities, a 50,000-gallon storage tank for firefighting and domestic water supply, a new well for the bathhouse and restroom facilities, a gate for fire service access, 30 propane fire pits, a communal propane fire pit, and a communal wood fire pit. A portable bathroom trailer will also be provided on site.

The existing ropes course and barn will be removed. The existing zipline may remain for the campers. The campground would be operated 24 hours a day and have 10 employees, four of which may live on site. The Project will be built on the Yosemite and Adventure Ranch property.

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

- The State Water Board, DDW is the regulatory authority for public water systems. Please list the State Water Board, DDW as a responsible agency that will provide the transient, non-community water system permit under the Uses of This Document Section (PDF page 4).
- The State Water Board, DDW regulates public water systems in Mariposa County. California Health and Safety Code section 116275 (h) defines a public water system as follows, "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. The Project proposes that 31 employees will work at the site. Please clarify

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if the domestic potable water system for the proposed Project will meet the definition of a public water system. If so, CCR Title 22, division 4, chapter 14, article 1, section 64001 requires a public water system to apply for a domestic water supply permit. CCR Title 22, division 4, chapter 16, article 3, section 64560 requires that for any well that will serve a public water system the well designs and specifications shall be submitted to the State Water Board, DDW for review and site approval. Please submit these documents to the to the State Water Board, DDW Merced District Office prior to construction.

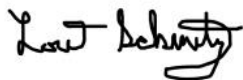
- Please include a higher quality graphic of the site plans on PDF page 9 and PDF 10 as they are hard to read. Please also include on the site plan any missing water infrastructure that will be installed.
- Please describe the proposed drinking water source.
- Please describe all proposed drinking water infrastructure (wells, storage tanks, treatment, etc.) that will be installed and the capacity of the components.
- The Project will include a sewer and a septic facility. California regulations require separation of water service lines and domestic supply wells from leach fields and other sources of potential contamination. For guidelines on pipe separation see CCR Title 22, Waterworks Standards, chapter 16, article 3, section 64572. For guidelines on well separation see CCR Title 22, Waterworks Standards, chapter 16, article 3, section 64560. Projects that install multiple public services may require alternatives to California Waterworks Standards. If the Project will include implementing an alternative (CCR section 64551.0) to the California Waterworks Standards, please include such plans in the CEQA document as part of the Project analysis.

If the Project is a new public water system, once the MND is adopted, please forward the following items in support of the new water system's permit application to the State Water Board, DDW Merced District Office:

- Copy of the draft and final MND, that includes the final Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan;
- Copy of 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 Mariposa County Clerk's Office and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse.

Please contact Adam Forbes of the State Water Board, DDW Merced District Office, at (559) 447-3316 or Adam.Forbes@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any questions regarding permitting requirements.

Sincerely,



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