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Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal
Casino Basin Project
SCH# 2022010278
Tulare County

Dear Mr. Ridenour:

The Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) has reviewed the Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal for the Casino Basin Project (Project), which describes the proposed construction of a stormwater basin with a capacity of 220 acre-feet, basin excavation approximately 13 feet below grade, and surrounding embankments five feet above grade. A 72" diameter inlet pipe will also be constructed through the embankment and into the excavated basin.

Insufficient information is provided in the Project description to make an accurate jurisdictional determination with regard to the basin and it is unclear whether some or all the work will be subject to State jurisdiction for dam safety. Specifically, the portion of the embankment surrounding the 72" pipe penetration appears to be approximately 13-feet in height. There are also no provisions for a spillway. Therefore, the City of Porterville needs to submit preliminary plans of the proposed 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 six 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.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact Area Engineer Bill Vogler at (916) 565-7828 or me at (916) 565-7827.

Sincerely,

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