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Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal
In District Groundwater Recharge Project
SCH# 2022030358
Kern County

Dear Mr. Gross:

The Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) has reviewed the Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal for the In District Groundwater Recharge Project (Project), which describes the proposed construction of six recharge basins with surface areas ranging from 9.95 acres to 11.71 acres and surrounding berms up to 8' in height above grade. A reference is made in the description of the Project to modifying a 10" diameter inlet pipe to Pond 1 as well as 24" CMP connector pipes between the six ponds. There does not appear to be provisions for a spillway.

Insufficient information is provided in the Project description to make an accurate jurisdictional determination with regard to the basins and it is unclear whether some or all the work will be subject to State jurisdiction for dam safety. Therefore, the South San Joaquin Municipal Utility District needs to submit preliminary plans of the proposed basins 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 Manager, 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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