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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Lake County
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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

LAKE COUNTY (COUNTY), MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) FOR THE UP 20-92 – BAR X FARMS LLC PROJECT (PROJECT); SCH # 2022030573

Dear Mr. Andrew Amelung:

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 a new public water system, or 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 draft Initial Study MND:

- The State Water Board, DDW regulates public water systems in Lake 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 describes that up to 120 employees will be on-site during harvest season but does not say how many days those employees will work. Please clarify in the document if the number of people served will meet the definition of a public water system. If it does, please include under “Other public agencies whose approval may be required” (PDF Page 12) the State Water Board, DDW for the domestic water supply permit.

If a permit is needed, please forward the following items in support of County's permit application to the State Water Board, DDW Mendocino District Office at DWPDIST03@waterboards.ca.gov, once the MND is adopted:

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

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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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