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Humboldt County
Attn: Desmond Johnston
3015 H Street
Eureka, CA, 95501

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

HUMBOLDT COUNTY (COUNTY), MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) FOR THE CISCO FARMS, INC. CANNABIS CULTIVATION FACILITIES PROJECT (PROJECT); SCH #2022070433

Dear Mr. Desmond Johnston:

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. The proposed Project may create a new public water system. If it does, it would require issuance of a new water supply permit. A project requires a permit if it includes creation of a new public water system or a permit amendment if it includes changes to a water supply source, storage, or treatment.

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 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]). Please indicate in the document the number of people that will be served water for human consumption at least 60 days out of the year.
 - If your system will meet the definition of a public water system, under "Other public agencies whose approval is required" please add "The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water will also require approval of a new water supply permit for the new public water system that will be developed."

If your system will meet the definition of a public water system, once the MND is adopted, please forward the following items in support of new water system's permit application to the State Water Board, DDW Klamath District Office at DWPRedding@waterboards.ca.gov:

- Copy of the draft and final MND, including the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan, with 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 date stamped Notice of Determination filed at the Humboldt County Clerk's Office and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse.

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | EILEEN SOBECK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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 this comment letter.

Sincerely,

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