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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Lake County
Attn: Andrew Amelung
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Kelseyville, CA, 95451

LAKE COUNTY (COUNTY), MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND), FOR THE UP 20-61 PURA VINEYARDS PROJECT (PROJECT); SCH #2022070449

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. The proposed Project may create a new public water system. If so, the new public water system would require a domestic water supply permit. A project requires a permit if it includes the creation of a new public water system or a permit amendment for 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 CEQA document indicates that an existing 635-foot deep, 300-gallon per minute groundwater well is the sole water source for cannabis cultivation irrigation and domestic use (PDF page 64). The CEQA document also provides information that there will be between 10-20 employees for 22 weeks of the year and up to a maximum of 30 during the peak seasons (August through October) (PDF Page 12). 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]). 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 the proposed Project will create a new public water system:
 - Please include "State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water, water supply permit" under "Approvals, Requested Approvals" (PDF page 15).
 - In the checklist questions X. Hydrology and Water Quality b.) and in XIX Utilities and Service Systems b.), when evaluating groundwater basin impacts and water supply impacts that the Project may have, please discuss the amount of domestic water that will be used in the operations of the Project.

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

If the Project will trigger a water supply permit, 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 Mendocino District Office at DWPDIST03@waterboards.ca.gov:

- Copy of the draft and final MND, including the 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 date stamped Notice of Determination filed at the Lake County Clerk's Office and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse.

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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