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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Sandy Mush Mutual Water Company Reservoir Storage Project
SCH# 2023050183
Merced County

Dear Ms. McBride:

The Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) has reviewed the Negative Declaration for the Sandy Mush Mutual Water Company Reservoir Storage Project submitted by the Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MSGSA), which describes the proposed construction of a new storage reservoir in Merced County.

Insufficient information is provided in the project description to make an accurate jurisdictional determination with regards to the proposed construction work. The MSGSA needs to submit design drawings for the proposed storage reservoir 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 6 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 proposed work 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) 820-7820.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact Area Engineer Austin Roundtree at (916) 565-7822 or me at (916) 565-7820.

Sincerely,

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