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### RESPONSIBLE AGENCY REVIEW

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this form is to aid responsible agencies, trustee agencies, and agencies or individuals with a particular expertise in reviewing the described project. This preliminary analysis will aid us in determining whether the effects of the project will require preparation of an environmental impact report (EIR) or a Negative Declaration. If any of the effects of a project may have a substantial adverse effect on the environment, then an EIR must be prepared, unless mitigation measures to modify the project are proposed and agreed to by the applicant (Section 21080, Public Resources Code). **Pursuant to Section 21081.6, Public Resources Code, any mitigation measure shall be monitored by a program to ensure compliance. Should your agency recommend a mitigation measure, this Department requests you include a monitoring program to ensure implementation.**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** **Based upon your area of expertise and concern, please evaluate environmental impacts of the project.** Section 21080(c), Public Resources Code, requires that a request for an EIR contain substantial evidence in the record to show significant effect; therefore, the reasons for such a recommendation need to be justified by separate documentation. Please complete the following and return this page.

**Check One**

**EIR**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reviewing Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Negative  
Declaration**

**Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mitigated  
Negative  
Declaration**

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**Please Reply by: July 31, 2020**

**PROPOSED PROJECT:** Modification No. 2 Conditional Use Permit No. 8, Map No. 27 Wonderful Pistachios and Almonds by QK, Inc and Trinity Consultants (PP20149)

**LOCATION:** 13646 Highway 33, Lost Hills, CA

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Modification No. 2 of Conditional Use Permit No. 8, Map No. 27 to widen the existing authorized 5,000-foot-long airstrip from 60-feet to 75-feet. As previously authorized, the airstrip will be used primarily by crop dusting aircraft, with occasional use by the applicant's private corporate aircraft.

This document is being amended and recirculated to include the proposed widening to B-II Aircraft Approach Category and Aircraft Design Group minimum requirements in order to accommodate larger aircraft exceeding previously approved restrictions on wingspan, approach speed, and take-off weight. The existing and planned fixed-wing aircraft proposed to utilize the facility will consist of both agricultural aircraft (crop dusters) and a limited number of business aircraft intended to transport clients and/or business-related personnel from various locations for the purpose of conducting the farming, processing, packaging and sales operations of Wonderful Pistachios and Almonds' various commodities.

In addition, this document is being amended to revise Mitigation Measure (3) which limits fixed-wing aircrafts permitted to use the runway. Furthermore, this document will be amended to reflect the updated 2020 CEQA Appendix G checklist in addition to updating applicant information due to the 2015 acquisition of Paramount Farms by Wonderful Pistachio and Almonds.