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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Rancho Santa Margarita Recycled Watersystem Project
SCH# 2024040817
Orange County

Dear Ms. Butler:

The Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) has reviewed the Mitigate Negative Declaration for the Rancho Santa Margarita Recycled Watersystem Project, submitted by Santa Margarita Water District (SMWD), which describes the construction and operation of SMWD infrastructure to extend its existing recycled water service within Rancho Santa Margarita and adjacent unincorporated County land.

Insufficient information is provided in the project description to make an accurate determination with regards to the proposed construction work at or near Portola Dam (Dam No. 2013-2), which is subject to state jurisdiction. SMWD needs to submit design drawings for the proposed construction of a new pump station located on or near the crest of Portola Dam so that DSOD can make a determination if an application will be required for the proposed work.

If the proposed work is subject to State jurisdiction, an alteration 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 Cameron Lancaster at (916) 565-7830 or me at (916) 565-7827.

Sincerely,

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