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Mathews Recharge Basin Project
SCH# 2025041172
Tulare County

Dear Mr. Verdugo:

The Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) has reviewed the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Mathews Ditch Company's Mathews Recharge Basin Project, submitted by the Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District (District), which describes the construction of a multi cell recharge basin facility to expand its groundwater recharge efforts in response to the 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

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.

Insufficient information is provided in the project description to make an accurate jurisdictional determination with regards to the proposed construction work. The District needs to submit design drawings for the proposed storage reservoir so that DSOD can make a jurisdictional determination.

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 William Vogler at (916) 565-7828 or me at (916) 565-7827.

Sincerely,

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