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Draft Environmental Impact Report
Randall Road Debris Basin
SCH# 2019029104
Santa Barbara County

Dear Mr. Raaf:

The Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) has reviewed the Notice of Completion for the Randall Road Debris Basin and the April 23, 2020 Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Randall Road Debris Basin project, which describes the proposed construction of a debris basin to reduce potential flooding and debris flow impacts at Highway 192 and downstream infrastructure and properties.

DSOD previously responded to the Notice of Preparation with a letter dated March 7, 2019. As stated in the March 7, 2019 letter and from review of the recently submitted Draft Environmental Impact Report, insufficient information is provided in the project description to make an accurate jurisdictional determination with regard to the described work and it is unclear whether some or all the work will be subject to State jurisdiction for dam safety. Therefore, Santa Barbara County Flood Control District needs to submit preliminary plans 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 dam 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 Chief, is responsible for the application process and can be reached at (916) 565-7840.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact Area Engineer Ashley Moran at (916) 565-7830 or me at (916) 565-7827.

Sincerely,

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