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Ms. Diane O'Connor, Assistant City Engineer
City of Fort Bragg
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Water Storage Reservoirs and Community Forest Project
SCH# 2025070350
Mendocino County

Dear Ms. O'Connor:

The Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) has reviewed the Notice of Preparation of a Draft EIR for the Water Storage Reservoirs and Community Forest Project, submitted by City of Fort Bragg, which describes construction of three raw water reservoirs and development of a publicly accessible community forest.

As defined in sections 6002 and 6003 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 regard to the proposed construction work. City of Fort Bragg needs to submit design drawings for the proposed storage reservoirs so that DSOD can make a jurisdictional determination.

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. Melissa Pi, our Acting Design Engineering Branch Manager, is responsible for the application process and can be reached at (916) 820-7788.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact Area Engineer Martin Janolo at (916) 565-7814 or me at (916) 565-7813.

Sincerely,

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