

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

DIVISION OF SAFETY OF DAMS
2720 GATEWAY OAKS DRIVE, SUITE 300
SACRAMENTO, CA 95833-3500



October 17, 2025

Mr. Samuel J. Rashe, Senior Planner
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CUP #2025-005 – Wastewater Treatment Facility
SCH# 2025091405
Madera County

Dear Mr. Rashe:

The Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) has reviewed the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the CUP #2025-005 – Wastewater Treatment Facility Project, submitted by Madera County, which describes the construction project consisting of two wastewater treatment facultative ponds, one storage pond, one stormwater basin, one mechanical building, and three worm beds to process and reclaim wastewater from corn washing operations. The reclaimed water will be used for irrigation purposes.

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.

Based on the plans provided in the submitted MND, the proposed project does not meet the criteria described above and therefore will not be subject to State jurisdiction. If changes to the design of the dam are made which alter the height of the dam or the reservoir's storage capacity, the dam may be subject to State jurisdiction for dam safety. In the event the Project will result in a State jurisdictional structure, a construction application, together with plans, specifications, and the appropriate filing fees must be filed with DSOD prior to proceeding with the Project.

If an application is required, all dam safety related issues must be satisfactorily addressed prior to our approval of the application and all work must be performed under the direction of a Civil Engineer registered in California. Our Acting Design Engineering Branch Manager Melissa Pi is responsible for the application process and can be reached at (916) 820-7788.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact Area Engineer Jasper Mizani at (916) 565-7822 or me at (916) 565-7820.

Sincerely,



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