State Water Resources Control Board

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COMMENT LETTER ON THE GLENN COUNTY (LEAD AGENCY), EARLY CONSULTATION FOR THE CUP2026-003, OAK HOLLOW FARMS, WEDDING AND EVENT VENUE (PROJECT); STATE CLEARINGHOUSE #2026101182

Dear Ms. Marie Amaro:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide early consultation for the proposed Project. The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (State Water Board, DDW) is responsible for regulating public water systems and issuing water supply permits pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water Act. This Project is within the jurisdiction of the State Water Board, DDW Valley District.

A public water system, as defined in the California Health and Safety Code (Health & Saf. Code) § 116275 subd. (h), is “a system for the provision of water for human consumption through pipes or other constructed conveyances that has 15 or more service connections or regularly serves an average of at least 25 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year.” If a new public water system will be formed by the Project, an application must be submitted, and a permit must be obtained from the DDW Valley District before water can be provided for human consumption. “Human consumption” means the use of water for drinking, bathing or showering, hand washing, oral hygiene, or cooking, including, but not limited to, preparing food and washing dishes.” Health & Saf. Code § 116275 subd. (e).

Note, Health & Saf. Code § 116527 subd. (b) requires that any person submitting a permit application for a proposed new public water system must first submit a technical report to the Valley District at least six months before initiating construction of any drinking system water-related improvements. The technical report must include an examination of the possibility of connecting to or being annexed by an existing adjacent community water system. Please see the attached What is a Public Water System flyer.

The State Water Board, DDW, may be a responsible agency under the California Environmental Quality Act, and has the following comments:

- The Project proposes that event sponsors rent trailer bathrooms. However, the application materials state, “We currently have one bathroom on site that can be used if needed.” If the onsite bathroom is made available to employees and event attendees, those users, in addition to the existing users, would need to be counted, when deciding if a public water system would be created and could meet the definition of a public water system. If the Project will serve enough people to create a public water system and no nearby municipal water systems agree to serve the Project, the applicant must submit a technical report to the DDW Valley District (Health and Saf. Code § 116527 subd. [b]) and apply for a domestic water supply permit.
- If a public water system would be created by the Project, please consider:
    - The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water as a responsible agency for the domestic water supply permit.
    - The new and existing water system components, including water storage, treatment, fire flow, domestic sources, and the staff required to operate the public water system.
    - Whether the water meets domestic water quality regulations (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 22, chapter 15) and if a well is the source, if the well meets the Waterworks Standards (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 22, chapter 16).
    - The availability of water supply (during normal, dry, and multiple dry years); groundwater impacts; and/or if the project will conflict with a sustainable management plan.
    - Separation of domestic water supply wells and distribution systems from wastewater and other sources of contamination (title 22 §§ 64560 and 64572).

Please contact Lori Schmitz of the State Water Board at (916) 449-5285 or Lori.Schmitz@waterboards.ca.gov, for questions regarding this comment letter.

Sincerely,

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