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Notice of Preparation for the North Fork Ranch Frost Ponds Draft Environmental Impact Report SCH2017061009  
Santa Barbara County

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Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

The Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) has reviewed the Notice of Preparation for the North Fork Ranch Frost Ponds Project (Project) Draft Environmental Impact Report which describes a proposed construction of three reservoirs which would store water to be used for frost protection at the North Fork Ranch Vineyards.

Based on the information in the Project description, the three proposed dams appear to meet the requirements of a jurisdictional sized dam. Therefore, Santa Barbara County Flood Control District needs to submit preliminary plans so that DSOD can make an accurate 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 three dams are 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.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick G. Draeger".

Rick G. Draeger, Regional Engineer  
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