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Division of Land Resource Protection

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Dear Mr. Conant:

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 2018-001, CHURCH, CEMETERY AND SCHOOL, SCH# 2019029075

The Department of Conservation's (Department) Division of Land Resource Protection (Division) has reviewed the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Conditional Use Permit 2018-001 Church, Cemetery, and School project. The Division monitors farmland conversion on a statewide basis and administers the California Land Conservation (Williamson) Act and other agricultural land conservation programs. We offer the following comments and recommendations with respect to the proposed project's potential impacts on agricultural land and resources.

Project Description

The proposed Conditional Use Permit would facilitate a 3 Phase project. Phase 1 includes the construction of an 18,000 square foot church as well as parking, a driveway and a storage building. Phase 2 is for the development of a 10,000 square foot cemetery, and Phase 3 is for the construction of a 15,000 square foot private school, teacher housing and a play yard.

The project site is located at 1060 State Highway 45 (APN# 013-350-005), approximately 3 miles north of Princeton. The site is located on the east side of State Route 45, south side of State Route 162, north of County Road 62, and west of the Sacramento River, in the unincorporated area of Glenn County. The project site is currently classified as Prime Farmland by the Department of Conservation's Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program.¹

¹ California Department of Conservation, Division of Land Resource Protection, Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program, <u>https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/DLRP/CIFF/</u>