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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Dear Ms. Cormier:

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION, YOCHA DEHE WINTUN  
NATION FIRE ACCESS ROAD (ZF#2019-0017)

The Department of Conservation's (Department) Division of Land Resource Protection (Division) has reviewed the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration for the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Fire Access Road (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 project proposes the construction of an approximately 3,500 linear-foot gravel road that would run north from County Road 78 across two properties. The proposed fire access road would provide emergency vehicle access and wildfire protection to lands north of the project site, which are owned by the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (Tribe). Project activity extends across two parcels which comprise a portion of what is referred to as the 'Schwarz' property (APN#'s 048-230-002 and 048-010-001). Both parcels are currently enrolled in a Williamson Act contract.

#### Department Comments

The Department recommends further discussion as to the compatibility<sup>1</sup> of a fire access road through Williamson Act contracted land. Discussion should include, but is not limited to:

- Type, amount, and location of farmland conversion resulting directly and indirectly from implementation of the proposed project.
- Impacts on any current and future agricultural operations

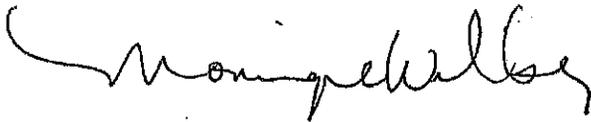
<sup>1</sup> Government Code Section 51238.1, Principles of Compatibility,  
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- Incremental impacts leading to cumulative impacts on agricultural land. This would include impacts from the proposed project, as well as impacts from past, current, and likely future projects.
- Potential contract resolutions for land in a Williamson Act contract affect by the proposed project.
- Impacts from the potential use of the project other than its intended use, (fire access road).

### Conclusion

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration for the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Fire Access Road Project. Please provide this Department with notices of any future hearing dates as well as any staff reports pertaining to this project. If you have any questions regarding our comments, please contact Farl Grundy, Environmental Planner at (916) 324-7347 or via email at [Farl.Grundy@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:Farl.Grundy@conservation.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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