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Dear Ms. Carsley:

Subject: Comments on the Simpco Minor Subdivision – Lake Earl Drive (MS 1904),
SCH 2019079109

File: Del Norte County General OWTS Systems

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Completion and environmental Document Transmittal for the Simpco Minor Subdivision – Lake Earl Drive (MS 1904). The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) is a responsible agency with jurisdiction over the quality of ground and surface waters (including wetlands) and the protection of the beneficial uses of those waters.

The proposed project consists of a minor subdivision of a 2.8-acre property at the intersection of Lake Earl Drive and Audree Lane. The property is currently developed with a single-family residence. The subdivision would create two lots: one developed with a residence and one undeveloped. It has been determined that the undeveloped parcel will be served by a conventional septic system for domestic waste disposal.

The Regional Water Board provides the following comments on this project:

Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS)

Beginning on May 14, 2018, the County of Del Norte must implement Tier 1 requirements set forth in *Water Quality Control Policy for Siting, Design, Operation and Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS Policy)* when reviewing and approving new and replacement OWTS until a Local Agency Management Program

(LAMP) is approved by the Regional Water Board. Tier 1 requirements include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The local agency may approve OWTS that receive only domestic wastewater from residential buildings or commercial buildings that have projected wastewater flows less than 3,500 gallons per day.
- The local agency must ensure that OWTS receiving wastewater with a biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) less than or equal to 900 mg/L from commercial food service buildings have a properly-sized and functioning oil/grease interceptor. Where OWTS receive wastewater with a BOD greater than 900 mg/L, the owner must notify the Regional Water Board by submitting a report of waste discharge (ROWD) for possible establishment of waste discharge requirements.
- The local agency must ensure that siting, design, and construction standards are in conformance with those specified in section 7 and section 8 of the OWTS Policy.
- Owners of new or replacement OWTS that do not meet the Tier 1 requirements must submit a ROWD to the Regional Water Board. The Regional Water Board may issue or deny waste discharge requirements for new and replacement OWTS not meeting Tier 1 minimum standards.
- The local agency may only approve new OWTS that are septic tank/leachfield type systems. Pressure distribution systems are allowed for new OWTS, but other dispersal systems may be allowed for repairs only, where siting constraints require a variance.

Sincerely,



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