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Environmental Document Transmittal for the Cold Springs Debris Basin Expansion
Project SCH2019129053
Santa Barbara County

Dear Ms. Spencer:

The Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) has reviewed the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Cold Springs Debris Basin Expansion Project (Project) which describes the proposed expansion of an existing debris basin to be used for flood protection on the subject parcels.

Insufficient information is provided regarding the debris basin in the Project description to make an accurate jurisdictional determination with regards to the described work and it is unclear whether part or all the work will be subject to State jurisdiction for dam safety. The information provided mentions the expansion of an existing debris basin, but design drawings were not provided. Therefore, the County of Santa Barbara 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 dam is 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 me 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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