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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Scot Timboe Tehama County Planning Department Courthouse Annex Room "I" 444 Oak Street Red Bluff, CA 96080

Subject: Review of the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the General Plan Amendment No. 19-03 & Rezone No. 19-02 Commercial Conversion from Special Plan Suburban Residential/ Natural Resource Zoning to Commercial and Commercial Development Project, Tehama County, State Clearinghouse Number 2019129077

Dear Mr. Timboe,

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) has reviewed the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the above-referenced project (Project). The Department's review of this Project is pursuant to our role as the State's trustee and responsible agency for fish and wildlife resources under the California Environmental Quality Act, California Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.

The Project is a General Plan Amendment from Special Planning Overlay/Suburban Residential to a General Commercial General Plan Land Use designation. The request is also for a Map Rezone from Natural Resource Lands and Recreation to a C-2 General Commercial Zoning District. The Project is proposed on 22 acres of a 261.74acre parcel. The General Plan Amendment and Rezone would facilitate the development of a self-storage (mini-storage) facility that would include an area for retail sales and professional office buildings along with a self-service vehicle wash facility. The potential development would include 11 buildings. The Project is located in the community of Lake California, Tehama County.

The Department provided comments on this Project in response to an early consultation request in a letter dated April 30, 2019. The Department appreciates that the Project footprint has been reduced to avoid impacts to special-status species and sensitive natural communities. Due to the avoidance of these resources and the mitigation measures included in the MND, the Department has no further comments on this Project. If the Project description changes in any way or additional biological resource information becomes available, the Department should be notified and provided an opportunity to offer comments regarding the updated information.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this Project. If you have any questions, please contact me at (530) 225-2138, or by email at <u>Kristin.Hubbard@wildlife.ca.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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