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## SUBJECT: REVIEW OF USE PERMIT 22-0005, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER 2023040139, SHASTA COUNTY

Dear Tara Petti,

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has reviewed the draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (ISMND), dated April 2023, for the above referenced project which proposes a request for approval of a use permit for an outdoor retail sales operation on an undeveloped 1.44-acre lot including four newly constructed buildings, an outdoor retail area, landscaping, and paved parking area (Project). CDFW's review of this Project is pursuant to our role as the State's trustee agency for fish and wildlife resources under the California Environmental Quality Act, California Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq. Additionally, as a State responsible agency, CDFW administers the California Endangered Species Act and other provisions of the Fish and Game Code that conserves the State's fish and wildlife public trust resources.

CDFW responded to an early consultation request from Shasta County in April 2023. CDFW recognizes that the comments and recommendations identified during early consultation have been addressed in the ISMND. The avoidance and minimization measures listed in the ISMND are adequate in avoiding and minimizing impacts to biological resources therefore, CDFW has no comment.

CDFW appreciates the opportunity to comment on the ISMND to assist Shasta County in adequately analyzing and minimizing impacts to biological resources.

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If you have any questions, please contact Erika lacona, Environmental Scientist, by email at <u>R1CEQARedding@wildlife.ca.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

-DocuSigned by: Tina Bartlett

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