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April 15, 2025

To Napa County Planning Commission

Sent via email to: meetingclerk@countyofnapa.org

RE April 16, 2025 Agenda Item 7B. WRIGHTS CORNER INC. / WRIGHT'S CORNER / USE PERMIT MAJOR MODIFICATION NO. P22-00241-MOD ("Application")

To whom it may concern:

Water Audit California ("Water Audit") is a public benefit corporation with a mission to protect the public trust. The following comments are submitted on its own behalf, and in the public interest.

The Applicant proposes to expand the approved employees from three (3) to eight (8), and visitation from approved seventeen (17) per day to a proposed ninety (90) per day. Additionally, event programs are proposed to increase the presently approved three (3) annual events with fifty (50) people by an additional four (4) monthly events with up to 85 people.

Comments submitted by California Department of Fish and Wildlife ("CDFW") reject a Negative Declaration and require mitigation conditions. Water Audit California concurs with CDFW and further comments:

1. Mitigation must include consideration of the toxic character of the site.

Not in the Agenda packet but found on County Electronic Document Retrieval database is a 2017 Well Notice UST # NAPA 0602 HAZFAX #283:

"THIS PARCEL IS ON THE NAPA COUNTY LIST OF CONTAMINATED SITES. PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF ANY WELLS ON THIS OR ADJOINING PARCELS (OR WITHIN THE GENERAL AREA) - CONTACT THE HAZARDOUS

MATERIALS DIVISION OF THIS DEPARTMENT AND CHECK THE CONTAMINATED SITE MAPS." (see attached)

2. Mitigation must include the requirement for a public water system.

Previous conditions of approval by prior planning review did not require a regulated small public water system. (Agenda Packet page 80/1 Attachment C. Previous Project Conditions). Present Conditions of Approval must include installation of a small public water system and installation of new well.

Environmental Health Services recommended draft conditions of approval for this project and required that the water supply and related components comply with the California Safe Drinking Water Act and Related Laws. (Agenda Packet page 60 Attachment B. Conditions of Approval Memorandum Environmental Health Services dated 4/15/2024; See also the County website "Water System Information for Use Permits" dated January 5, 2005, revised December 6, 2016, hosted at https://www.countyofnapa.org/DocumentCenter/View/10959/Water-System-Information-for-Use-Permits-2025?bidld=).

At page 1:

"If your project will be regulated as a small public water system, a water system feasibility report will be required as a completeness item at the time a Use Permit application is submitted. This report ensures that the proposed project can satisfy the technical, managerial and financial requirements set forth by the Water Board and must include the information listed on the attached worksheet. There is a possibility that existing wells may not meet the construction requirements for a regulated water system. If the source does not meet the requirements, a new water supply will have to be developed, which must be reflected in the feasibility report." (emphasis added)

At page 2:

"Water supply capacity. **Can the water system (including all sources and storage facilities) supply a minimum of three gallons per minute for at least 24 hours for each service connection served**?" (emphasis added)

The Applicant Checklist included: "Additional Information Required by the Environmental Health Department." In conformity with state law, the information listed includes the Water Supply Feasibility Study and Completed Business Activities form. These two documents are **NOT** included in the application.

Distinguished from the similarly named Water Availability Analysis, which deals with the quantum of water necessary, the Water System Feasibility Report is a detailed

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enumeration of the technical requirements, including water quality testing and reporting necessary when "the water supply system will serve 25 or more people inclusive of employees, visitors, and residents or if kitchen is proposed. See enclosed handout provided by Environmental Services." There is no "enclosed handout" in the agenda

The Current Project folder does not include a Water Supply Feasibility Study.

The CEQA posting has no Water Supply Feasibility Study (see https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2025030679; see also Agenda Attachments compared with CEQA Attachments in attached exhibit.)

3. <u>California requires all public water systems to have at least two sources of</u> <u>water.</u>

The requirement for public water systems to have at least two sources of water – this ensures redundancy and helps to protect against water quality issues or disruptions. The specific requirements for these sources, including their capacity, quality, and reliability, are outlined in California's regulations, such as Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations. Thus, the second well must be considered in a revised Tier 3 Analysis.

The Public Works Department and Planning Engineering Division have different missions and duties which are being conflated with each other.

The COA Memorandum from the Planning Engineering Division dated March 21, 2025, states that it has reviewed the WAA and determined it complete and reasonable for "Vine Cliff Winery" This certification is perplexing as that is not the name of the applicant for this project, and the project proposed is not a winery.

Even if one is willing to overlook that the approval of the WAA the Planning Engineering Division is for the wrong project, that entity is **not** the Public Works Department. The Public Works Director has not determined the technical adequacy of the Water Availability Analysis and there is NO WATER FEASIBILTY STUDY.

The Conditions of Approval operational characteristics of the project related to groundwater management omits language "jointly implemented by Public Works"

4. Miscellaneous.

- <u>The total groundwater consumption is not stated in the Conditions of</u> <u>Approval.</u>

"The parcel shall be limited to 2.70 acre-feet of groundwater per year for all water consuming activities on the parcel", and "Water Management Demand Program." (see Agenda Packet page 37 Conditions of Approval 4.1 GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT-WELLS)

- <u>The Application Checklist has No Adjoining Property Owner List (see</u> <u>Agenda Packet page 122 Attachment E. Application; see also Agenda</u> <u>Packet page 139 Attachment E. Application)</u>
- <u>The Applicant Checklist struck out several "Technical Information and Reports" without explanation, including the Traffic Study,</u> <u>Archeological/Cultural Resources Study, and Water Availability Study.</u> <u>Nevertheless, and inconsistently, these three studies are included in the application (see Agenda Packet page 126 Attachment E. Application.)</u>

The Traffic impact Study is using a Winery Worksheet. The trip calculations are based on "Winery" visitation and marketing events factors. The project is not a Winery. (see Agenda Packet page 227/8 Attachment G. Transportation Impact Study)

- <u>The CEQA Summary Form for Document Submittal and Notice of</u> <u>Completion Reviewing Agency listed only CDFW. Neither</u> <u>document included the Reviewing Agencies SWRCB, Water Quality,</u> <u>CalTrans or neighboring cities.</u> Last, please see the following links and the attached exhibits to ensure a complete record.

1. Public Works About Us "Natural Resources Groundwater" https://www.countyofnapa.org/1646/About-Us

2. Public Works Organizational Chart 2025-01-

27_NC_Public_Works_Org_Chart_202501280833058339 page 3 "Water Resources & R.I.Ds" https://www.countyofnapa.org/DocumentCenter/View/3244/Public-Works-Department-Organizational-Chart-PDF

3. COUNTY Public Works Watershed Management webpage "Managing and monitoring groundwater" https://www.countyofnapa.org/1161/Watershed-Management

Respectfully,

William McKinnon General Counsel Water Audit California

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Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613 For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: Wrights Corner Use Permit Major Modification	10, 00 11, 0 11, 0 11, 0 11, 0 11, 0 11, 0 11, 0 11, 0 11, 0 11, 0 11, 0 11, 0 11, 0 11, 0 11, 0 11, 0 11, 0 11		
Lead Agency: Napa County		Contact Person: Kelli	
Mailing Address: 1195 Third Street, Suite 210		Phone: 707-259-8226	
City: Napa	Zip: <u>94559</u>	County: Napa	1999 - 1998 - 1998 - 1999 - 1999 - 1999 - 1999 - 1999 - 1999 - 1999 - 1999 - 1999 - 1999 - 1999 - 1999 - 1999 -
Project Location: County: Napa		munity: Unincorporated	/Nearest City - City of Napa
Cross Streets: Closest intersection Old Sonoma Road and Old Sono	oma Highway		Zip Code: 94558
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 38 ° 15	′ 24.309 ″ N / -122 °	20 / 19.687 " W Tota	1 Acres: 2.35
Assessor's Parcel No.: 047-110-017-000	Section: 05N	Twp.: 04W Ran	ge: 30 Base: MDM
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: Hwy 12 / Carneros Hwy	Waterways: Carner		
Airports: n/a	Railways: n/a		pols: n/a
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Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Residence, Art Gallery, Bike rental/guided low and know low car ataging business/Commercial Limited (CL) zoning district and Agriculture, Watorshed, and Opon Space (AWOSYAgricultural Resources (AR) general plan designation

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

This application requests a change in use to three existing structures on the subject property, including; 1) converting an existing 2,738 sf three (3) bedroom residence into an inn with eight (8) guest rooms and construction of five (5) new stand-alone guest cottages of 645 sf each (totaling 3,175 sf)with proposed private events for guests of the inn, 2) convert an existing bike rental/guided tour and luxury tour car staging business to a beer and wine tavern, 3) convert an existing furniture store with art, antique, and retail products to a mercantile store with wine tastings, 4) addition of a new mobile concession trailer (130 sf) for the sale of coffee and morning snacks, 5) addition of a new 397 sf bathroom with attached storage room for patrons, 6) site improvements to meet Napa County Roads and Street Standards for the commercial driveway, and construction of 28 additional parking for a total of 36 on-site, and 7) upgrade the septic system prior to conversion of the residence to lodging.

Note: The State Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g. Notice of Preparation or previous draft document) please fill in.

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Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distrib If you have already sent your document to the agency pleas	
Air Resources Board	Office of Historic Preservation
Boating & Waterways, Department of	Office of Public School Construction
California Emergency Management Agency	Parks & Recreation, Department of
California Highway Patrol	Pesticide Regulation, Department of
Caltrans District #	Public Utilities Commission
Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	Regional WQCB #
Caltrans Planning	Resources Agency
Central Valley Flood Protection Board	Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
Coastal Commission	San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
Colorado River Board	San Joaquin River Conservancy
Conservation, Department of	Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
Corrections, Department of	State Lands Commission
Delta Protection Commission	SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
Education, Department of	SWRCB: Water Quality
Energy Commission	SWRCB: Water Rights
X Fish & Game Region # 3	Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
Food & Agriculture, Department of	Toxic Substances Control, Department of
Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	Water Resources, Department of
General Services, Department of	
Health Services, Department of	Other:
Housing & Community Development	Other:
Native American Heritage Commission	
Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agen	cy)
Starting Date 3/13/25	Ending Date <u>4/15/25</u>
Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):	
Consulting Firm:	Applicant:
Address:	Address:
City/State/Zip:	
Contact:	
Phone:	
Signature of Lead Agency Representative:	6(1 C2 Lill Date: 3/12/25

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

Form F

Lead agencies may include 15 hardcopies of this document when submitting electronic copies of Environmental Impact Reports, Negative Declarations, Mitigated Negative Declarations, or Notices of Preparation to the State Clearinghouse (SCH). The SCH also accepts other summaries, such as EIR Executive Summaries prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15123. Please include one copy of the Notice of Completion Form (NOC) with your submission and attach the summary to each electronic copy of the document.

SCH #:		
Project Title:		
Lead Agency:		
Contact Name:		
Email:		Phone Number:
Project Location:	City	County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

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If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Request for Public Notice Distribution

(Check all required boxes. Any boxes left unchecked will not be completed).

ADMIN USE ONLY: Date Completed: 31325 By: ARV

Project Name: Wrights Corner Use Permit Modification

P22-00241-MOD Project No(s):

047-110-017 APN(s):

Kelli Cahill Project Planner:

1. Specify Type of Notice(s)

Early Project Courtesy Notice	CEQA – Notice of Exemption (NOE) Journal request adriana.franco@countyofnapa.org & meetingclerk@countyofnapa.org
Notice of Public Hearing	CEQA – Notice of Determination (NOD) Journal request adriana.franco@countyofnapa.org & meetingclerk@countyofnapa.org
Notice of ZA Intent to Approve or Deny	CEQA – Notice of Intent to Adopt an ND or MND
Notice of Administrative Decision	CEQA – Notice of Preparation of an EIR
Other (specify):	CEQA – Notice of Availability of and EIR

✓ Napa Valley Register (Tues, Thurs, Sat) Publication Date: 3.13.25 3.15.25 №	Properties within 1000 ft. of Project Site Mailing list provided. Yes No
County Clerk (CEQA Notices, NOE & NOD) Filing/Posting Date:	Interested Parties/CEQA Notification List
Applicant Name: Kerry Smith Address(es)/email(s): thewrightcorner@earthlink.net kerry@kerrysmithwatercolors.com	Representative Name: Address(es)/email(s):
Property Owner Name: Address(es)/email(s): Same as applicant	Nearest City(s), Town(s), or County(s) Address(es)/email(s):

Other Special Instructions 3.



PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING & NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

On Wednesday morning, the 16TH day of April 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at 1195 Third Street, Suite 305, Napa, California, a public hearing will be conducted by the Napa County Planning Commission regarding the project identified below. All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and be heard.

Wrights Corner - Use Permit Major Modification #P22-00241-MOD

Location: 4370 (also addressed as 4372 and 4374), Old Sonoma Highway Napa - Assessor's Parcel No. 047-110-017; 2.35 acres

Zoning and General Plan Designation: Commercial Limited (CL) zoning district and Agriculture, Watershed, and Open Space (AWOS)/Agricultural Resources (AR) general plan designation.

CEQA Status: Consideration and possible adoption of a Negative Declaration. According to the proposed Negative Declaration, the proposed project would not have any potentially significant environmental impacts. The project site is not included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

Request: This application requests a change in use to three existing structures on the subject property, including; 1) converting an existing 2,738 sf three (3) bedroom residence into an inn with eight (8) guest rooms and construction of five (5) new stand-alone guest cottages of 645 sf each (totaling 3,175 sf) with proposed private events for guests of the inn, 2) convert an existing bike rental/guided tour and luxury tour car staging business to a beer and wine tavern, 3) convert an existing furniture store with art, antique, and retail products to a mercantile store with wine tastings, 4) addition of a new mobile concession trailer (130 sf) for the sale of coffee and morning snacks, 5) addition of a new 397 sf bathroom with attached storage room for patrons, 6) site improvements to meet Napa County Roads and Street Standards for the commercial driveway, and construction of 28 additional parking for a total of 36 on-site, and 7) upgrade the septic system prior to conversion of the residence to lodging. Application materials, including the draft environmental determination are available on the Department's Current Projects Explorer at: https://www.countyofnapa.org/2876/Current-Projects-Explorer

Copies of documents and other information relating to the project described above may be examined between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday at the office of the Planning, Building, and Environmental Services Department, Napa County Administration Building, 1195 Third St, Ste 210, Napa, California. For documents that are publicly available on the Current Projects Explorer, there will be a Public Record Copying Fee associated with the physical printing of documents. While drops-in may be accommodated to the extent possible on a case-by-case basis, we strongly encourage you to schedule an appointment for document review.

Written and verbal comments regarding this project and comments regarding the environmental effects of this project and the adequacy of the proposed Negative Declaration are solicited. Written comments must be presented during the public review period, which runs from March 13, 2025, through April 14, 2025. Comments or appointment requests to review documents should be directed to Kelli Cahill, Planner III, Napa County Planning, Building & Environmental Services Department, 1195 Third Street, Suite 210, Napa, California; (707) 265-2325 or kelli.cahill@countyofnapa.org. Comments must be received before Noon on April 14, 2025.

If you challenge the particular proceeding in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to the public hearing.

Published Date: March 13, 2025 Brian D. Bordona Director of Planning, Building, & Environmental Services

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MEMORANDUM

To:	All interested parties	From:	Division of Environmental Health
Date:	January 5, 2005 Revised December 6, 2018	Re:	Use Permits and Regulated Water Systems

The purpose of this memo is to provide information regarding requirements for regulated water system permitting. The Division of Environmental Health has a contract with the California State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) to administer the small water system program. Public water systems are required to be permitted by Water Board or the local delegated agency.

In Napa County, the most commonly proposed small public water systems serve wineries. During the use permit process, the division reviews the number of anticipated visitors, employees and onsite residents and makes a determination if the proposed facility is required to be served by a regulated water system. A public water system is required if the project includes either (1) a combined number of users (visitors, employees, residents) greater than 24 daily for at least 60 days of the year, or (2) the total number of employees and residents is greater than 24 daily for 6 months or more of the year. If either threshold is met, the water system will be regulated. If you have questions on whether the proposed project will be regulated as a public water system, contact this division to discuss with the district inspector. If the project does not meet these thresholds but <u>will</u> have a regulated kitchen used for food service for food and wine pairings or marketing events, a different type of regulated water system is required.

If your project will be regulated as a small public water system, a water system feasibility report will be required as a completeness item at the time a Use Permit application is submitted. This report ensures that the proposed project can satisfy the technical, managerial and financial requirements set forth by the Water Board and must include the information listed on the attached worksheet. There is a possibility that existing wells may not meet the construction requirements for a regulated water system. If the source does not meet the requirements, a new water supply will have to be developed, which must be reflected in the feasibility report. Prior to issuance of a building permit, the new water supply must be developed and full plans for the water system must be submitted and approved by this division. In addition to the local requirements, the Water Board requires a water system to also submit a preliminary technical report demonstrating the water system is possible. The County must receive concurrence from the Water Board before any related building permits can be issued. Additional information regarding the preliminary technical report required by the Water Board can be found at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/Permits.html

New Community and Non-Community Water Systems Technical, Managerial and Financial Capacity Worksheet

(Use Permit Applications and Water System Feasibility Reports)

1. Water system name

2. Name of person who prepared the report

3. **Technical Capacity:**

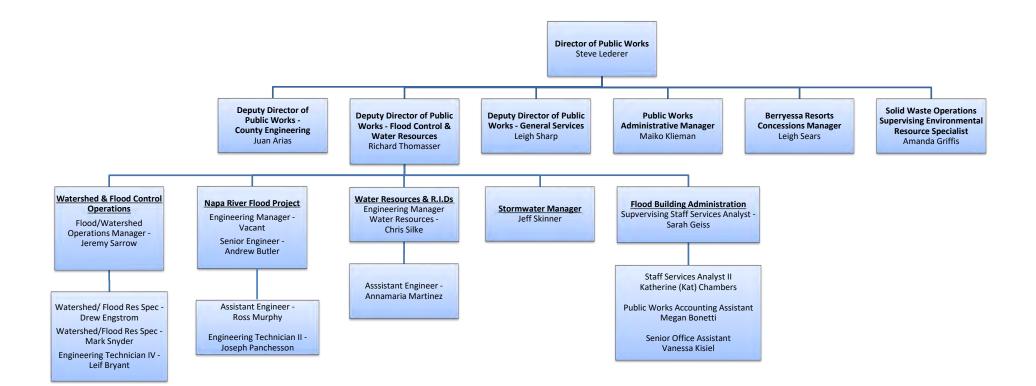
- System description-from source to point of use-what is expected (including treatment, etc).
- ¹ One year projection for water demand and an analysis of the water system to meet the projected demand (project expansion and improvements for a ten year period).
- Source adequacy:
 - Groundwater: Does the well have a 50-foot seal with a 3-inch annular space? Is a well log available?
 - Surface water treatment: Can the water system comply with the Surface Water Treatment Rule?
- Water supply capacity. Can the water system (including all sources and storage facilities) supply a minimum of three gallons per minute for at least 24 hours for each service connection served?
- Provide a characterization of the water quality (or expected water quality if a new source is required), including a comparison with established or proposed drinking water standards and the feasibility of meeting these standards.
- ¹ An evaluation of the feasibility of consolidation with other (existing) water systems.

4. Managerial:

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- Description of the organization's ability to manage a water system (personnel to be hired and/or job descriptions for water system maintenance responsibilities). For systems that use land that is not owned by the water system, the terms for a long-term agreement for use of the land/facilities must be disclosed.
- Document the system's water rights.
- 5. **Financial:**
 - Budget projection and description of system's financial capacity (your ability to financially support the operation of a water system).

Questions on this worksheet or the information required should be addressed to the water specialist in the Division of Environmental Health.



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EXHIBIT 5

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Cover Sheet

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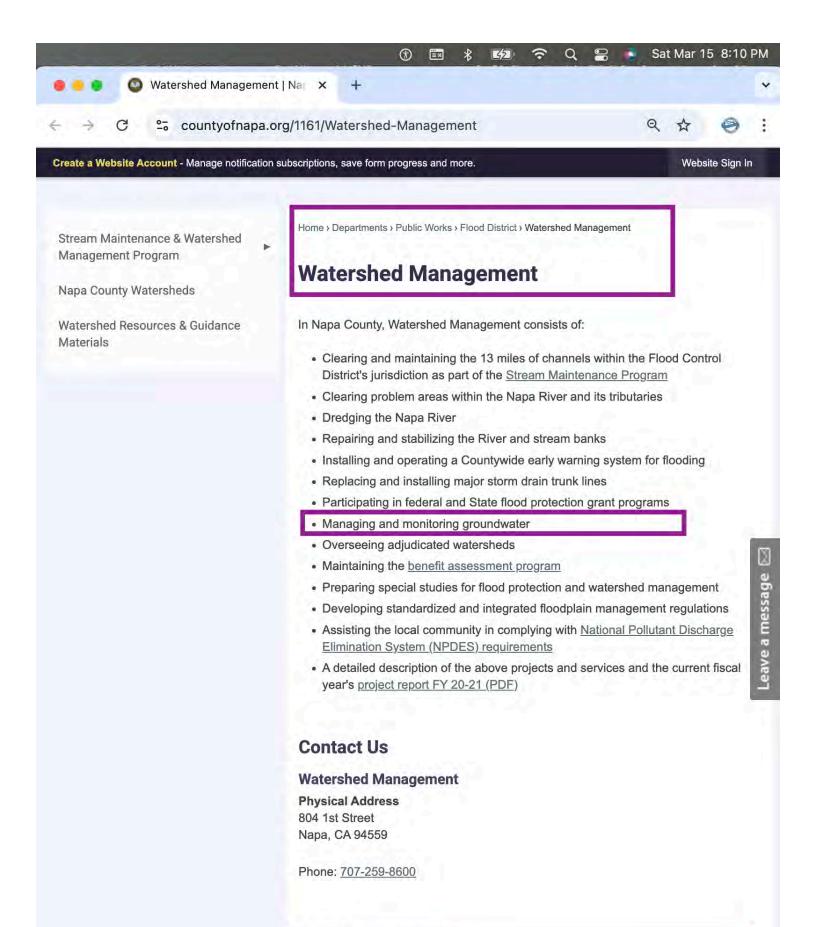
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THIS PARCEL IS ON THE NAPA COUNTY LIST OF CONTAMINATED SITES. PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF ANY WELLS ON THIS OR ADJOINING PARCELS (OR WITHIN THE GENERAL AREA) - CONTACT THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DIVISION OF THIS DEPARTMENT AND CHECK THE CONTAMINATED SITE MAPS.

USE THE NUMBER ON THE FRONT OF THIS AP FILE FOR REFERENCING THE PARTICULAR CONTAMINATED SITE.

THANK YOU.



Related Documents

Watershed Management Project 96-1 Engineer's Report FY 20-21 (PDF)

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Roads
Airport
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Organizational Chart

Home > Departments > Public Works > About Us

Public Works Department Organizational Chart (PDF)

Animal Shelter

- Adoptions
- Licenses
- · Lost pets
- Volunteer opportunities

Buildings & Grounds

- Administration Building
- Airport
- · Health and Human Services Campus
- Hall of Justice
- Libraries
- South Campus
- Other County Offices and Facilities

Flood Control

- Napa Flood Project
- Napa River Restoration
- Watershed Maintenance/Operations

Natural Resources

- Groundwater
- · Milliken-Sarco-Tulocay (MST) Project
- Recycling/Waste Management
- Water Conservation
- Watershed Information

Roads & Bridges

- · 416 miles of road
- 6,907 signs
- · 88 electronic signs
- 3,284 culverts
- 162 bridges
- · 105 streetlights
- · 4 intersection traffic signals
- 442 guardrails totaling approximately 22.6 miles

Services

- County Surveyor
 - Fleet Operations
 - Stormwater Management

Note: <u>Purchasing</u> is no longer part of Public Works and is now a division of the County Executive Office.

Mission

The Department of Public Works is dedicated to sustaining health, safety, quality of life and protection of natural resources by providing and maintaining public facilities and services in partnership with the community and other public agencies for current and future residents, workers, animals, and visitors of Napa County.

Vision

Napa County Public Works Department will be known locally and beyond as trusted and excellent stewards of public and natural resources and recognized for public projects and improvements that are the pride of the community.

Core Values

- · Accountability and Transparency
- Fiscal Responsibility
- Integrity
- Service
- Teamwork



Deputy Director, General Services

Deputy Director, County Engineering Email Juan Arias

Public Works

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Contact Us

Leigh Sharp

Steven E. Lederer

Director of Public Works Email Steven Lederer

Email the Public Works Department

Physical Address View Map 1195 Third Street Suite 101 Napa, CA 94559

Directions

Phone: 707-253-4351 Fax 707-253-4627

Hours

Monday - Friday

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

(except legal holidays)

Directory

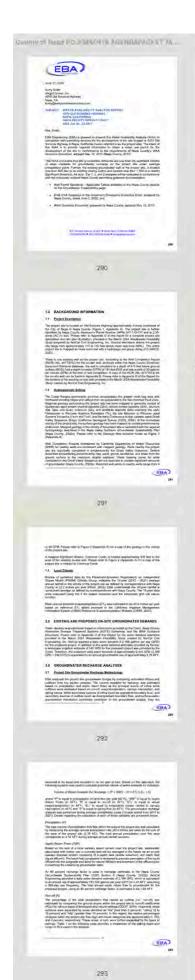




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5.0 SURFACE WATER DEPLETION FROM GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION

Tier 3, outlined in the WAA Guidance document and the Well Permit Standards – Applicability Tables, requires that a groundwater/surface water interaction evaluation be conducted for new or existing wells, located within 1,500 feet of a mapped Significant Stream(s). As previously mentioned, a mapped Significant Stream, Carneros Creek, is located approximately 435 feet to the west of the existing on-site groundwater well.

According to the WAA Guidance document, "streamflow depletion will be calculated using industry standard methods appropriate to the aquifer under consideration; such methods include the Hantush Equation applicable for aquifers hydraulically connected with surface waters (Hantush, 1965)." EBA used the web-based United States Geological Survey (USGS) STRMDEPL08 tool, with the Hantush equation described therein, to characterize streamflow depletion from a nearby pumping well (USGS, 2022). Please refer to Section 4.0 above for a description of the calculations for the model parameter values, storage coefficient and transmissivity.

The following assumed parameter values were input into the model:

- Distance between the existing on-site groundwater well and Carneros Creek (435 feet):
- Transmissivity value of 190 GPD/ft (25 ft²/day);
- Storage coefficient values ranging from 0.005 to 0.15;
- Streambed Leakance value of 100 feet; A pumping rate of 30 GPM per the existing on-site well; and
- A pumping duration of 1 day.

EBA utilized the same aquifer transmissivity (25 ft2/day) and aquifer storage coefficient (0.005) values in the streamflow depletion model that resulted in the most conservative

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well interference model outlined in Section 4.0. The results of the streamflow depletion model for the existing on-site well indicate a stream depletion rate of approximately 0.0000 cubic foot per second. Given the lack of modeled streamflow depletion in Carneros Creek, it is EBA's opinion that pumping from the existing on-site well would not contribute to significant and unreasonable stream depletion in Carneros Creek. It should be noted that this model assumes direct connection between the aquifer and the streambed, which may not be the case at this location.

Please note that the elevation of the Carneros Creek, as measured perpendicular to the existing on-site well, is approximately 94 feet above MSL, based on publicly available elevation data. The elevation of the well head of the on-site well is approximately 120 feet above MSL, which is approximately 26 feet greater in elevation than Carneros Creek. According to the well log (No. e0173012) for the project site well, the reported DTW at the time of well completion was approximately 191 feet BGS. Therefore, the reported static water level in the well at the time of completion in March 2013 was at an elevation of approximately 71 feet below MSL, which suggests that surface water flow in the Carneros Creek is recharging groundwater as opposed to groundwater discharging into Carneros Creek. It should be noted that the existing wells (No. 796960 and 284930) located proximal to Carneros Creek exhibit similar groundwater elevations as those observed in the on-site well. With this being said, the location of the project site well suggests that hydraulic connectivity between the on-site well and the Carneros Creek is low, and the water that will be pumped from the existing on-site well is different than what is in Carneros Creek

6.0 CONCLUSIONS

The results of the WAA have indicated that:

- According to the water recharge analyses conducted herein, the amount of water available for recharge over the project site area, during average precipitation years, was calculated to be 3.62 AFY. Based on the estimated groundwater demand of 2.70 AFY, this total groundwater use equates to approximately 75 percent of the water available for recharge in the area of the project site during average precipitation years.
- Based on the analysis and assumptions presented herein, it does not appear that pumping in the existing on-site well, will be able to substantially influence any existing neighboring wells. As predicted by the distance-drawdown model presented herein, the existing well on the project site must be located greater than approximately 24 feet from any nearby groundwater well(s) to be in conformance with Napa County Guidelines (≤10 feet of drawdown).
- With regards to the effects of groundwater pumping at the project site on flow of water in Carneros Creek, significant or measurable surface water depletion as a 10

result of on-site groundwater extraction is not expected from the existing on-site well

Based on the results of this evaluation, it is EBA's professional opinion that the Tier 1, 2, and 3 analysis is in conformance with the requirements outlined in the Well Permit Standards - Applicable Tables and Napa County WAA Guidance Document.



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WRIGHTS CORNER INC. / WRIGHT'S CORNER / USE PERMIT В. MAJOR MODIFICATION NO. P22-00241-MOD

CEQA STATUS: Consideration and possible adoption of a Negative Declaration. According to the proposed Negative Declaration, the proposed project would not have any potentially significant environmental impacts. In accordance with Section 15105(b) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Napa County submitted the proposed Initial Study/Negative Declaration to the State Clearinghouse for a 30-day review period beginning March 13, 2025, and running through April 15, 2025 (State Clearinghouse No. SCH 2025030679 officially accepted by the SCH on March 17th) https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2025030679. This project is not on any lists of hazardous waste sites enumerated under Government Code Section 65962.5.

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REQUEST: This application requests a change in use to three existing structures on the subject property, including; 1) converting an existing 2,738 sf three (3) bedroom residence into an inn with eight (8) guest rooms and construction of five (5) new stand-alone guest cottages of 645 sf each (totaling 3,175 sf) with proposed private events for guests of the inn, 2) convert an existing bike rental/guided tour and luxury tour car staging business to a beer and wine Tavern, 3) convert an existing furniture store with art, antique, and retail products to a mercantile store with wine tastings, 4) addition of a new mobile concession trailer (130 sf) for the sale of coffee and morning snacks, 5) addition of a new 397 sf bathroom with attached storage room for patrons, 6) site improvements to meet Napa County Roads and Street Standards for the commercial driveway, and construction of 28 additional parking for a total of 36 on-site, and 7) upgrade the septic system prior to conversion of the residence to lodging. The project is located on a 2.35-acre parcel within the Commercial Limited (CL) zoning district and designated as Agriculture, Watershed and Open Space (AWOS) and Agricultural Resources (AR) at 4370 (also addressed as 4372 and 4374) Old Sonoma Highway, Napa (APN 047-110-017).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Negative Declaration and approve the Use Permit Modification subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

STAFF CONTACT: Kelli Cahill, Planner III; (707) 265-2325 or kelli.cahill@countyofnapa.org

APPLICANT CONTACT: Kerry Smith, Owner; (707) 812-5006 or

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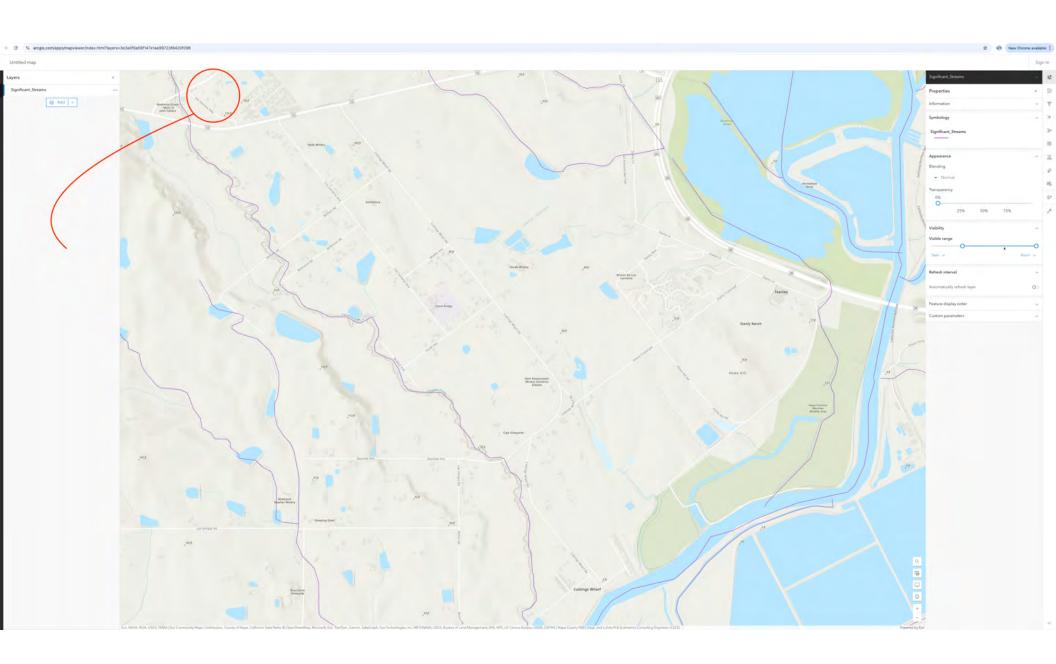
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April 11, 2025

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Subject: Wrights Corner Use Permit Modification P22-00241, SCH No. 2025030679, Initial Study/Negative Declaration, Napa County

Dear Ms. Cahill:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) received an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) from Napa County (County) for the Wrights Corner Use Permit Modification P22-00241 (Project) pursuant the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and CEQA Guidelines.

CDFW is submitting comments on the IS/MND to inform the County, as the Lead Agency, of potentially significant impacts to biological resources associated with the Project.

CDFW ROLE

CDFW is a **Trustee Agency** with responsibility under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15386 for commenting on projects that could impact fish, plant, and wildlife resources. CDFW is also considered a **Responsible Agency** if a project would require discretionary approval, such as permits issued under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA), the Lake and Streambed Alteration (LSA) Agreement, or other provisions of the Fish and Game Code that afford protection to the state's fish and wildlife trust resources.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

Proponent: The Wright Corner, Inc. (Owner)

Objective: The Project involves the change in use to three existing structures on the subject property, including; 1) converting an existing 2,738 square foot (sf) three bedroom residence into an inn with eight guest rooms and construction of five new stand-alone guest cottages of 645 sf each with private events for guests of the inn; 2) converting an existing bike rental/guided tour and luxury tour car staging business to a beer and wine tavern; 3) converting an existing furniture store with art, antique, and retail products to a mercantile store with wine tastings; 4) adding a mobile concession

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trailer for the sale of coffee and morning snacks; 5) adding a bathroom with attached storage room for patrons; 6) site improvements to meet Napa County Roads and Street Standards for the commercial driveway, and construction of 28 additional parking for a total of 36 on-site; and 7) upgrading the septic system prior to conversion of the residence to lodging.

Location: The Project is located on Assessor's Parcel Number 047-110-017-000, at approximately 38.25676°N, -122.33886°W, 4370 (also addressed as 4372 and 4374) Old Sonoma Highway; Napa, CA 94559, Napa County.

REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

California Endangered Species Act

Please be advised that a CESA Incidental Take Permit (ITP) must be obtained if the Project has the potential to result in "take" of plants or animals listed under CESA, either during construction or over the life of the Project. **The Project has the potential to impact Swainson's hawk (***Buteo swainsoni***)**, a State listed as threatened species, as further described below. Issuance of an ITP is subject to CEQA documentation; the CEQA document must specify impacts, mitigation measures, and a mitigation monitoring and reporting program. If the Project will impact CESA listed species, early consultation is encouraged, as significant modification to the Project and mitigation measures may be required in order to obtain an ITP.

CEQA requires a Mandatory Finding of Significance if a project is likely to substantially restrict the range or reduce the population of a threatened or endangered species. (Pub. Resources Code, §§ 21001, subd. (c) & 21083; CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15380, 15064, & 15065.). Impacts must be avoided or mitigated to less-than-significant levels unless the CEQA Lead Agency makes and supports Findings of Overriding Consideration (FOC). The CEQA Lead Agency's FOC does not eliminate the project proponent's obligation to comply with CESA.

Raptors and Other Nesting Birds

CDFW has jurisdiction over actions that may result in the disturbance or destruction of active nest sites or the unauthorized take of birds. Fish and Game Code sections protecting birds, their eggs, and nests include sections 3503 (regarding unlawful take, possession or needless destruction of the nests or eggs of any bird), 3503.5 (regarding the take, possession or destruction of any birds-of-prey or their nests or eggs), and 3513 (regarding unlawful take of any migratory nongame bird). Migratory birds are also protected under the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

CDFW offers the comments and recommendations below to assist the County in adequately identifying and/or mitigating the Project's significant, or potentially significant, direct and indirect impacts on fish and wildlife (biological) resources. Based on the Project's avoidance of significant impacts on biological resources with implementation of mitigation measures, including those CDFW recommends below and in **Attachment 1** Draft Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, CDFW concludes that a **Mitigated Negative Declaration** is appropriate for the Project.

I. Environmental Setting and Related Impact Shortcoming

MANDATORY FINDING OF SIGNIFICANCE. Does the Project have potential to substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of an endangered, rare, or threatened species?

And,

Would the Project have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special-status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by CDFW or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

COMMENT 1: Swainson's Hawk

Issue: The IS/NEG does not acknowledge potential impacts to nesting Swainson hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*) near the Project site resulting from Project activities. According to the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) a nesting Swainson's hawk was observed in 2013 approximately 0.25-mile south of the Project site.

Specific impacts and why they may occur and be significant: The 2013 CNDDB record indicates that Swainson's hawk used habitat near the Project area for nesting, and the species is known to have high nest site fidelity, meaning they return to the same site year after year (Estep 1989, Woodbridge et al. 1995). The documented nest location is within the Caneros Creek riparian corridor, which also runs adjacent to the Project site, and Swainson's hawk are known to nest in riparian habitat, therefore they could nest very close to the Project site. If impacts to Swainson's hawk are not assessed, and appropriate avoidance measures are not provided, the Project could have the potential to impact nesting Swainson's hawk through auditory or visual disturbances above ambient levels within 0.5 miles of the Project site. Disturbances from Project activities may result in Swainson's hawk nest abandonment and loss of eggs or reduced health and vigor and loss of young. Therefore, if an active Swainson's hawk nest is disturbed by the Project, the Project may result in a substantial reduction in

the number of a threatened species, which is considered a Mandatory Finding of Significance pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15065, subdivision (a)(1).

Recommended Mitigation Measure: To reduce potential impacts to Swainson's hawk to less-than-significant and comply with CESA, CDFW recommends including the mitigation measure below.

Mitigation Measure BIO-1: Swainson's Hawk Surveys and Avoidance Buffer: If Project activities are scheduled during the nesting season for Swainson's hawk (March 1 to September 15), prior to beginning work on the Project, a qualified biologist shall conduct surveys according to the Recommended Timing and Methodology for Swainson's Hawk Nesting Surveys in California's Central Valley (https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=83990&inline) and prepare a report documenting the survey results. The Project shall obtain CDFW's written approval of the qualified biologist and survey report prior to starting construction activities between March 1 and September 15. Survey methods shall be closely followed by starting early in the nesting season (late March to early April) to maximize the likelihood of detecting an active nest (nests, adults, and chicks are more difficult to detect later in the growing season because trees become less transparent as vegetation increases). Surveys shall be conducted: 1) within a minimum 0.5-mile radius of the Project site or a larger area if needed to identify potentially impacted active nests, unless otherwise approved by CDFW in writing, and 2) for at least the two survey periods immediately prior to initiating Project-related construction activities. Surveys shall occur annually for the duration of the Project. The qualified biologist shall have a minimum of two years of experience implementing the survey methodology resulting in detections. If active Swainson's hawk nests are detected, the Project shall immediately notify CDFW and implement a 0.5-mile construction avoidance buffer around the nest until the nest is no longer active as determined by a qualified biologist, unless otherwise approved by CDFW in writing. Any detected nesting Swainson's hawk shall be monitored by the qualified biologist to ensure it is not disturbed during construction activities, unless otherwise approved in writing by CDFW. If take of Swainson's hawk cannot be avoided, the Project shall consult with CDFW pursuant to CESA and obtain an ITP before Project activities may commence.

ENVIRONMENTAL DATA

CEQA requires that information developed in environmental impact reports and negative declarations be incorporated into a database which may be used to make subsequent or supplemental environmental determinations. (Pub. Resources Code, § 21003, subd. (e).) Accordingly, please report any special-status species and natural communities detected during Project surveys to CNDDB. The CNDDB field survey form

can be filled out and submitted online at the following link: <u>https://wildlife.ca.gov/Data/CNDDB/Submitting-Data</u>. The types of information reported to CNDDB can be found at the following link: <u>https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Data/CNDDB/Plants-and-Animals</u>.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEES

The Project, as proposed, would have an impact on fish and/or wildlife, and assessment of environmental document filing fees is necessary. Fees are payable upon filing of the Notice of Determination by the Lead Agency and serve to help defray the cost of environmental review by CDFW. Payment of the environmental document filing fee is required in order for the underlying project approval to be operative, vested, and final. (See Cal. Code Regs, tit. 14, § 753.5; Fish & G. Code, § 711.4; Pub. Resources Code, § 21089.)

CONCLUSION

CDFW appreciates the opportunity to comment on the IS/NEG to assist the County in identifying and mitigating Project impacts on biological resources.

Questions regarding this letter or further coordination should be directed to Nicholas Magnuson, Environmental Scientist, at (707) 815-4166 or <u>Nicholas.Magnuson@wildlife.ca.gov</u>; or Melanie Day, Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisory), at (707) 210-4415 or <u>Melanie.Day@wildlife.ca.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

-DocuSigned by: Erin Chappell

Erin Chappell Regional Manager Bay Delta Region

Attachment 1: Draft Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

ec: Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse No. 2025030679

REFERENCES

Estep, J.A. 1989. Biology, movements, and habitat relationships of the Swainson's Hawk in the Central Valley of California, 1986–87. California Department of Fish and Game, Nongame Bird and Mammal Section Report

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ATTACHMENT 1

Draft Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP)

CDFW provides the following language to be incorporated into the MMRP for the Project.

Biological Resources (BIO)			
Mitigation Measure (MM)	Description	Timing	Responsible Party
MM BIO-1	Mitigation Measure BIO-1: Swainson's Hawk Surveys and Avoidance Buffer: If Project activities are scheduled during the nesting season for Swainson's hawk (March 1 to September 15), prior to beginning work on the Project, a qualified biologist shall conduct surveys according to the Recommended Timing and Methodology for Swainson's Hawk Nesting Surveys in California's Central Valley (https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?Document ID=83990&inline) and prepare a report documenting the survey results. The Project shall obtain CDFW's written approval of the qualified biologist and survey report prior to starting construction activities between March 1 and September 15. Survey methods shall be closely followed by starting early in the nesting season (late March to early April) to maximize the likelihood of detecting an active nest (nests, adults, and chicks are more difficult to detect later in the growing season because trees become less transparent as vegetation increases). Surveys shall be conducted: 1) within a minimum 0.5-mile radius of the Project site or a larger area if needed to identify potentially impacted active nests, unless otherwise approved by CDFW in writing, and 2) for at least the two survey periods immediately prior to initiating Project-related construction activities. Surveys shall occur annually for the duration of the Project. The qualified biologist shall have a minimum of two years of experience implementing the survey methodology resulting in detections. If active Swainson's hawk nests are detected, the Project shall immediately notify CDFW and implement a 0.5-mile construction avoidance buffer around the nest until the nest is no longer active as determined by a qualified biologist, unless otherwise approved	Prior to Ground Disturbance	Project Applicant

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