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**Follow-Up to Data Requests Set 6 - DR 122 - Division of Safety of Dams**

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 2 attachments (3 MB)

TN262156\_20250311T225745\_Follow-Up Email from Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) – Info Regarding Sub.pdf;  
TN261072\_20250113T165510\_Willow Rock Data Requests Set 6.pdf;

Dear Laurel,

This email serves as a follow-up to Data Requests Set 6. In Data Request (DR) 122 of DR Set 6 (TN 261072), staff requested the applicant "Provide confirmation that the dam does not meet the definition of a jurisdictional dam in Water Code sections 6002 and 6003 or provide all information required by the DSOD [Division of Safety of Dams] to complete their review of the dam as a jurisdictional dam." Applicant responded that it was ".... working to obtain a formal jurisdictional determination from DSOD..." (TN 261314). On March 14, 2025, in a call with CEC staff, the applicant indicated they decided to proceed with their original design for the hydrostatically compensating surface reservoir, meaning the reservoir would meet the definition of a jurisdictional dam in Water Code sections 6002 and 6003. Thus, we are requesting all information required by Department of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) to complete their review of the dam.

122a. Using the document titled "Outline of Procedure for the Construction or Enlargement of Dams and Reservoirs within State Jurisdiction" (Instructions) ([https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/Library/Files/Public-Forms/3\\_instructions\\_a\\_y19.pdf?la=en&hash=CA9DD738D969E0632DDDE4319CE6C4F6250C75BB](https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/Library/Files/Public-Forms/3_instructions_a_y19.pdf?la=en&hash=CA9DD738D969E0632DDDE4319CE6C4F6250C75BB)) and "Application for Approval of Plans and Specifications for the Construction or Enlargement of a Dam and Reservoir" DWR 3 (Rev. 11/21) (Application Form) (<https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/Library/Files/Public-Forms/3.pdf>) on the DSOD webpage (<https://water.ca.gov/programs/all-programs/division-of-safety-of-dams>), provide a completed Application Form to both CEC and DSOD.

122b. Instructions, #2, directs applicants to compile an application package. With the application form, per #2 in the Instructions, provide the following to both CEC and DSOD:

- i. Plan sheets prepared by a registered civil engineer in California. A signed and stamped digital copy of the plans will be required prior to approval of the application.
- ii. Project specifications.
- iii. Filing fee as required by DSOD.
- iv. Any additional information, such as, soils data, logs of borings or other exploratory data, geologic reports, hydrologic data, structural and hydraulic design notes, any models or analyses, etc.

122c. Provide a technical memo that summarizes all applicable information, such as narrative descriptions and key assumptions, pertaining to the reservoir.

122d. Provide 30 percent design plans and concept to both CEC and DSOD. Subject to DSOD standards, drawings at this stage should identify the scope of the project, including the major elements (where possible, include size, scale, location, dimensions, layout, and configurations) along with relevant design calculations, general costs, and

timeline for development. According to DSOD staff, the specific information on the development of the dam site would facilitate DSOD's review. Please refer to the follow-up email from DSOD regarding submittal and notes (TN 262156).

Enclosure:

Data Requests Set 6 (TN 261072)

Follow-Up Email from Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) – Info Regarding Submittal and Notes on DSOD Jurisdiction (TN 262156)

Thank you,  
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