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Memorandum

DATE: March 4, 2024

TO: Eric Porter, Associate Planner

FROM: Pheakdey Preciado, Senior EHS

RE: Major Use Permit, Poverty Flats Farms, UP 23-09; Initial
Study IS 23-20/SR0005362 REVISED

APN: 006-004-22

During our March 4, 2024, meeting with the applicant, our office was informed that the existing septic system was for a hunting cabin. In addition to that, the existing septic system was damaged during the 2018 Mendo-Complex Fire. Our office will require a Major Repair with Site Evaluation (to determine the adequate sizing for the new leachfield).

According to the applicant, the proposed commercial cannabis processing facility will have plumbing (restroom). Our office did provide the applicant the option to combine the daily wastewater flow with the hunting cabin's septic system (will be linked to the Major Repair Permit with SE). This new septic permit will also allow the existing septic system/tank to be properly abandoned.

Furthermore, the applicant submitted a well log demonstrating that the well (permit #WE-5814 AG/WP0003953) was drilled and had an annular seal, which fulfilled the conditions and closed out the well permit from our office. This well is greater than a thousand feet from the proposed commercial cannabis processing facility.



The applicant needs to check with the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water for clearance and requirements on rainwater collections on the property.

All wells shall be located and with an adequate horizontal distance from potential sources of contamination and pollution. The storage of hazardous materials shall be located a safe distance from any water well to prevent contamination. The applicant is required to implement measures to prevent cross-contamination of the well(s).

Hazardous materials shall not be allowed to leak onto the ground or contaminate surface waters. Any release of hazardous materials shall be recycled or disposed of through a registered waste hauler to an approved site authorized to accept such materials.

Industrial Waste shall not be disposed of on-site without review or permit from the Environmental Health Division or the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

If the applicant stores hazardous materials equal or greater than 55 gallons of a liquid, 500 pounds of a solid or 200 cubic feet of compressed gas, the applicant will be required to submit a Hazardous Materials Inventory Disclosure Statement/ Business Plan to the Environmental Health Division via the California Electronic Reporting System (CERS) and it shall be renewed and updated annually or if quantities increase. Note that additional California Unified Program Agency (CUPA) requirements may apply depending on the amount of hazardous materials stored on site.

If the amount of hazardous materials is less than the above quantities, the applicant will need to complete and submit a Hazardous Materials/Waste Declaration stating the name of the material and the quantity to be stored on site.

