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See attached. Please confirm receipt.

Thank you,
Elke

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January 13, 2020

Damien Curry
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Sent by e-mail to: damien.curry@acgov.org

Re: Jess Ranch Compost Facility – Environmental Impact Report

Zone 7 Water Agency (Zone 7, or Zone 7 of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District) has reviewed the referenced document in the context of Zone 7's mission to provide water supply, flood protection, and groundwater and stream management within the Livermore-Amador Valley. Following are our comments for your consideration:

1. Flood Protection. The proposed project is not located near any Zone 7 flood control facility and drains to San Joaquin County. The project proposes to follow the policies of the East County Area Plan, including a provision for the County to work with Zone 7 for development of adequate storm drainage and flood control systems to serve existing and future development (Policy 277). To address the policy, County plans to develop design criteria for onsite flood control features such as catchment and retention ponds (Program 97), including a catchment pond designed for a 25-year, 24-hour peak storm event. While the proposed project lies outside of the Alameda Creek Watershed jurisdiction of Zone 7, County should consider designing the catchment pond to accommodate a 100-year, 24-hour peak storm event, to provide protection from a 100-year flood (Policy 316).
2. Wells and Well Permits. Our records indicate that there are no wells in the immediate project area; however, we have records that indicate there are at least six (6) wells on the Jess Ranch parcel. The well numbers and approximate locations are shown on the enclosed well location map (Figure 1). Please verify this information in the field and report any errors or unknown wells to Zone 7 Water Agency. Also, please be advised that any well that has been unused during the preceding twelve (12) months is considered abandoned and must be properly destroyed or sealed. A Zone 7 permit is needed for all well destructions, new well constructions or soil boring work that may be planned for this project parcel. More information on well and soil boring permitting can be found at: <http://www.zone7water.com/permits-a-fees/36-public/content/64-well-drilling-and-destruction-permits>. Well permit applications and permit fee schedule can also be downloaded from this website.

- 5 3. Development Impact Fee. New development and the expansion of existing development may impose a burden on the existing flood protection and storm drainage infrastructure within the Zone 7 service area. Developments creating new impervious areas within the Livermore-Amador Valley are subject to the assessment of the Development Impact Fee for Flood Protection and Storm Water Drainage. These fees are collected for Zone 7 by the local governing agency: 1) upon approval of final map for public improvements creating new impervious areas; and/or 2) upon issuance of a building or use permit required for site improvements creating new impervious areas. Fees are dependent on whether post-project impervious area conditions are greater than pre-project conditions and/or whether fees have previously been paid. Please refer to Zone 7's Flood Protection & Storm Water Drainage Development Impact Fee Ordinance and additional information at: <http://www.zone7water.com/permits-a-fees>.
- 6 4. Water-wise landscaping. Zone 7 encourages the use of sustainable, climate-appropriate, and drought tolerant plants, trees and grasses that thrive in the Tri-Valley area. Find more information at: <http://www.trivalleywaterwise.com>.
- 7 In an effort to ensure that mailed notices and referrals from your agency make their way to the appropriate staff at Zone 7 in a timely manner, we are requesting that your databases / mailing lists are updated to reflect the following points of contact, specifically for routine development referrals and for CEQA / environmental reviews.

For CEQA / environmental review:	For development review / referral:
Zone 7 Water Agency Attn: CEQA Review / Elke Rank 100 North Canyons Parkway Livermore, CA 94551 ceqa@zone7water.com Staff contact: Elke Rank, erank@zone7water.com	Zone 7 Water Agency Attn: Dev Referral / Steven Ellis 100 North Canyons Parkway Livermore, CA 94551 reviewers@zone7water.com Staff contact: Steven Ellis, sellis@zone7water.com

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this project. If you have any questions on this letter, please feel free to contact me at (925) 454-5005 or via email at erank@zone7water.com.

Sincerely,



Elke Rank

cc: Carol Mahoney, Amparo Flores, file

Figure 1. Well location map (December 2019 data run)

