



May 16, 2023

John Mills
21 Baker Street
San Francisco, CA 94117

RE: Addendum to Biological Resources Assessment (BRA) 3000 Sweetwater Springs Road, Sonoma County, CA (APN: 110-200-020) (WRA Project #20099-2)

Mr. Mills,

This letter is intended to address the concerns expressed by the Permit Sonoma (Sonoma County) regarding the adjustment to a building envelope located at 3000 Sweetwater Springs Road, Sonoma County (APN: 110-200-020) (Subject Property). It is my understanding through conversations with the County and you (Client) that their primary concern is a recommendation for nesting bird surveys if trees or shrubs are removed or trimmed; such a recommendation was drafted by WRA and included in our Biological Resources Assessment (BRA) report dated November 2021. I have visited the Subject Property several times since 2010, including in 2021 specifically to review the proposed building envelope.

Through recent conversations and refinement, it is my understanding that construction within the proposed building envelope does not include tree or shrub removal, trimming, or other direct effects upon such. The majority of the substrate is significantly disturbed with a history of imported gravels and exposed bedrock to maintain ranch roads. Consequently, the herbaceous vegetation is largely denuded, of low biomass, and dominated by weeds; ground-nesting/herbaceous nesting birds are unlikely to nest. Therefore, impacts to nesting birds are unlikely and there are no further actions for such are proposed at this time. Should there be significant deviations from this, then a review of nesting birds or other sensitive biological resources may be warranted.

Please contact me if you have questions or require additional information. Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aaron Arthur", is written over a horizontal line.

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