CEQA Environmental Checklist

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND

Project Title:	California Cellars Boat Dock
Lead agency name and address:	RD 556
	P.O. Box 1046
	Walnut Grove, CA 95690
Contact person and phone number:	Chris Lee, (916) 776-1731
Project Location:	15511 Isleton Rd. on Sacramento River
	Lat 38 degrees 11' 32.1" N,
	Long 121 degrees, 33', 59" W
Project sponsor's name and address:	California Cellars
	12885 Alcosta Blvd., Suite A
	San Ramon, CA 94583
General plan description:	REC (Recreation)
Zoning:	DW (Delta Water)
Description of project: (Describe the whole	Construction of a 10' X 32' recreational
action involved, including but not limited to later phases of the project, and any secondary,	boat dock and gangway
support, or off-site features necessary for its	
implementation.)	
Surrounding land uses and setting; briefly	Water, levee with roadway on crown,
describe the project's surroundings:	and agriculture on east side of levee
Other public agencies whose approval is	Central Valley Flood Protection Board;
required (e.g. permits, financial approval, or	Calif. Dept. of fish and Game; US Army
participation agreements):	Corps of Engineers; RWQCB; US Fish
	and Wildlife Service; State Lands
	Commission; Sacramento County

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project. Please see the checklist beginning on page 3 for additional information.

Aesthetics	Agriculture and Forestry	Air Quality
Biological Resources	Cultural Resources	Geology/Soils
Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Hazards and Hazardous Materials	Hydrology/Water Quality
Land Use/Planning	Mineral Resources	Noise
Population/Housing	Public Services	Recreation
Transportation/Traffic	Utilities/Service Systems	Mandatory Findings of Significance

DETERMINATION:

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

	a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.				
	I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.				
	I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.				
	I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.				
	I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required				
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This checklist identifies physical, biological, social and economic factors that might be affected by the proposed project. In many cases, background studies performed in connection with the projects indicate no impacts. A NO IMPACT answer in the last column reflects this determination. Where there is a need for clarifying discussion, the discussion is included either following the applicable section of the checklist or is within the body of the environmental document itself. The words "significant" and "significance" used throughout the following checklist are related to CEQA, not NEPA, impacts. The questions in this form are intended to encourage the thoughtful assessment of impacts and do not represent thresholds of significance.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
I. AESTHETICS: Would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista (Not located at a scenic vista)				\boxtimes
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway (Sacramento River is only scenic resource, and project will not damage the River.)				
c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings? (The low profile of the project and screening by nearby vegetation cause impact to be less than significant.)				
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area? (No light will be created by project. Dock will cause less glare than existing water surface.)				\boxtimes

determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment

Project; and the forest carbon measurement methodology

II. AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES: In

provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project:

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e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people? (Project does not generate objectionable odors and there is not a substantial number of people in the area)				
IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES: Would the project:				
a) 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 the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service? (USFWS Biological Opinion [file #84120-2008-F-1173-2] conservation measures and USACOE [file # SPK-2007-1386] conditions minimize adverse affects of this project)				
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service? (Project is avoiding riparian vegetation)				
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means? (Project not located in a jurisdictional wetland)				
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites? (USFWS Biological Opinion [file #84120-2008-F-1173-2] conservation measures and USACOE [file # SPK-2007-1386] conditions minimize adverse affects of this project)				
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance? (Project does not conflict with local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources)				\boxtimes
f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan? (Project is not in NCCP or HCP area. Delta Protection Commission policy P-2 supports the project.				
V. CULTURAL RESOURCES: Would the project:				
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5? (No historic resources are located at or near project.)				\boxtimes

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b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5? (No archeological resources are located at or near project.)				
c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature? (No unique paleontological resources are located near at or near project)				
d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries? (There is no possibility for human remains to be located in the Sacramento River or in the levee.)				
VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS: Would the project:				
a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				\boxtimes
i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42? (Not located in a Fault Zone)				
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking? (Adverse effects from strong shaking of dock are negligible due to small number of users and minimal effect on people on dock.)				\boxtimes
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction? (Adverse effects from liquefaction are negligible due to small number of users and minimal effect of such failure)				
iv) Landslides? (No large slopes in area to create landslides)				
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil? (Dock will not have an effect on soil erosion. There is no topsoil in river)				\boxtimes
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse? (Piles are driven deep enough to be stable)				
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property? (Project is not located on expansive soil)				\boxtimes
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water? (Project does not include waste disposal)				

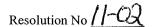
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VII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS: Would the project:				
a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment? (GHG emissions are less than the AQMD threshold of significance)				
b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?				
VIII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: Would the project:				
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials? (Project does not transport, use, or dispose of hazardous materials)				\boxtimes
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment? (Project does not transport, use, or dispose of hazardous materials)				
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school? (Project does not transport, use, or dispose of hazardous materials)				
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment? (Project is not located on a hazardous materials site)				
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? (Project not located in such an area)				
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? (Project not located near a private air strip)				

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g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan? (Adopted emergency response/evacuation plans do not use project site)				
h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands? (Wildland fires are not anticipated on the river or riverbank)				
IX. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY: Would the project:				
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements? (Project does not discharge water. No water quality standards apply to project.)				
b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)? (Project does not use or impact groundwater)				
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?				\boxtimes
d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?				
e) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?				\boxtimes
f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality? (The stable nature of the dock material (steel, wood, and				\boxtimes

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g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map? (Project is not a house)				
h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows? (The dock will float on top of water during flood flows and not impede or redirect flows)				\boxtimes
i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam? (The project has no potential to cause failure of the levee as the gangway foundation penetrates less than 12" into levee prism and is located on the bench, instead of the slope)				
j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow (Project is not located in an area potentially affected by these)				
X. LAND USE AND PLANNING: Would the project:				
a) Physically divide an established community? (Project is not located in an established community)				\boxtimes
b)Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect? (Project is consistent with the County General Plan, zoning, and Delta Protection Commission policies)				
c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan? (Project is not within the area of a NCCP or HCP)				
XI. MINERAL RESOURCES: Would the project:				
a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state? (There are no mineral resources at the project site)				
b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan? (The project is not located at any resource recovery site delineated on the Sacramento County General Plan or the DPC Land Use & Resource Management Plan for the Primary Zone of the Delta)				\boxtimes

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XII. NOISE: Would the project result in:				
a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies? (The project does not generate significant levels of noise, and there are no significant noise sources near the project.)				
b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels? (Construction of the project will generate vibrations from the piles, but there are no nearby sensitive receptors, and work will be limited to normal daytime work hours.)				
c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project? (The project will not generate a permanent increase in noise.)				
d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project? (Construction of the project will generate temporary noise, but there are no nearby sensitive receptors, and work will be limited to paymed deuting work bourg.)				
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XIII. POPULATION AND HOUSING: Would the project:				
a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)? (The project would not induce growth.)				
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				
(There are no existing houses in the project vicinity.) c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? (The project is not located where people are living.)				\boxtimes

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XIV. PUBLIC SERVICES:				
a) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services: (The project is not located near any government facilities. The project would incrementally use government facilities at a very minimal level.)				
Fire protection?				\boxtimes
Police protection?				\boxtimes
Schools?				\boxtimes
Parks?				\boxtimes
Other public facilities?				\boxtimes
XV. RECREATION:				
a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated? (There are no existing neighborhood or regional parks or other recreational facilities in the area.)				
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment? (The project is a private recreational facility that has very minimal effects on the environment.)				
XVI. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC: Would the project:				
a) Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit? (The project would have no effect on the circulation system)				



A RESOLUTION OF THE RECLAMATION DISTRICT 556 BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGARDING CALIFORNIA CELLARS' BOAT DOCK APPLICATION

NOTICE OF FINAL NEGATIVE DECLARATION - CALIFORNIA CELLARS BOAT DOCK APPLICATION PURSUANT TO CEOA

WHEREAS, the elected Board of Trustees ("Board") for Reclamation District 556 ("District"), having initially issued a Negative Declaration for the installation of a 10' X 32' boat dock, with three 20' deep 14" diameter steel pilings and a gangway on the Sacramento River adjacent to the applicant's real property, between August 1 and October 30: and

WHEREAS, the district has received one comment letter from the State Lands Commission concerning the Board's negative declaration; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the installation of the dock will require only one day for a pile driver to install the piles, that the pile driver will use 8 gallons of diesel fuel, and that the dock will be preconstructed and floated into place, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the pollutant emissions from the pile driver will be as follows (in pounds): CO: 5.4; VOC: 1.2; NOX: 13.6; SOX 1.144; PM10: 1.2 [source: SCAQMD Handbook Table A9-91, and are less than significant and is far below the Sacramento Metropolitan AOMD (SMAQMD) NOX threshold of 85 lbs. per day. The Board further determined that although SMAQMD has not established a threshold of significance for greenhouse gasses (GHG), the Bay Area AOMD threshold of significance is 1100 metric tons-equivalent, and that the pile driver will use 8 gallons of diesel fuel, which will produce 0.08 metric tons of CO2, and 4.64 grams of methane [source: Tables G11 and G14 of Appendix G, Local Government Operations Protocol for the quantification and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions inventories, CARB], which are considerably below the threshold of significance; and

WHEREAS, the project includes the conservation measures of the USFWS Biological Opinion [file #84120-2008-F-1173-2] and includes the USACOE [file #SPK-2007-1386] conditions that minimize adverse affects of this project; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered said comments and finds them irrelevant to the installation of a recreational boat dock; with financing and risk management programs; and

WHEREAS, revisions in the project plans or proposal made by, or agreed to by, the applicant before the proposed negative declaration and initial study were released for public review would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effect on the environment would occur; and

WHEREAS, there is no substantial evidence in light of the whole record before the Reclamation District that the project, as revised, may have a significant effect on the environment."

THEREFORE. IT IS RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

That That a Final Finding of a Negative Declaration as to this application and project be issued_ and that these findings be forwarded to the State Land Commission for processing and permit.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this day of STUNG 2011

KEVIN STEWARD

President

District Secretary

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To: Office of Planning and Research For U.S. Mail:	Street Address:	From: Public Agency: Reclamation District 556 Address: P.O. Box 1046 Walnut Grove, CA 95690	
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Project Description: 10' X32' R			1
	ead Agency or Responsible	has approved the above described projections regarding the above described projections.	•
I. The project [will 🗶 wil	l not] have a significant eff	fect on the environment.	
		this project pursuant to the provisions of CEC	ŅΑ.
		et pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.	
Mitigation measures [] were A mitigation reporting or mon		ndition of the approval of the project.	
		was not adopted for this project.	
6. Findings [were were t			
This is to certify that the final EIR with available to the General Public at	comments and responses a	and record of project approval, or the negative	RO 556
Date 68	Dat	e Received for filing at OPR 3/17/11	

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

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RECLAMATION DISTRICT 556

P. O. Box 1046 Walnut Grove, California 95690

District Trustees:

KEVIN STEWARD, President CHRISTOPHER A. LEE MICHAEL STOKES DAVID ROBINSON DWAINE SILVA

November 10, 2010

Central Valley Flood Protection Board Attention: James Herota 3310 El Camino Avenue #151 Sacramento, CA 95821

RE: California Cellars dock / Application no. 18226

Dear Mr. Herota:

The governing Board of Trustees for Reclamation District 556 has reviewed the application no 18226 by Dan Boatwright of California Cellars.

The proposal by California Cellars is to put a recreational boat dock adjacent to their vineyard located within the district and adjacent to the Sacramento River.

After reviewing said application, the Board of Trustees has issued a NEGATIVE DECLARATION DETERMINATION on this project. The only condition or concern that the board has is a permit condition to be attached to the approval that, in the event routine or emergency levee construction is needed, that the applicant will, at his expense, remove said dock and gangway to facilitate routine levee maintenance and/or emergency construction.

Thank you in advance for your courtesy and consideration.

Very truly yours,

CHRISTOPHER A. LEE

Attorney for Reclamation District 556