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RE: 202401233; CU-24-00001

Dear Chace Pedersen:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Pre-Threshold Consultation for the Vantage Valley Properties. We have reviewed the environmental checklist and have the following comment.

Water Resources

In Washington State, prospective water users must obtain authorization from the Department of Ecology before diverting surface water or withdrawing ground water, with one exception. Ground water withdrawals of up to 5,000 gallons per day used for single or group domestic supply, up to 5,000 gallons per day used for industrial purposes, stock watering, and for the irrigation of up to one-half acre of non-commercial lawn and garden are exempt from the permitting process. Water use under the RCW 90.44.050 exemption establishes a water right that is subject to the same privileges, restrictions, laws and regulations as a water right permit or certificate obtained directly from Ecology.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these Water Resources comments, please contact Nathan Longoria at 509-907-1752 or email at Nathan.Longoria@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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