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Mr. Shaw;

The Caltrans Division of Aeronautics (Division) is pleased to have the opportunity to comment on the proposed Stamoules Produce Co., Inc. Private Use Airport. Caltrans disagrees with the proponent's designation of the airport as Private-Use and advises that the proponent would be required to apply for a State Special-Use Airport Permit.

The California Code of Regulations defines a Personal-Use Airport as limited to the noncommercial activities of an individual owner or family and occasional invited guests. The proponent's Operational Statement contends that the airport's intended use is for "various business purposes." In this instance, where the owner restricts access to the airport and where business/commercial activities are conducted, a State Special-Use Airport Permit would be required.

Additionally, the proponent must also obtain an airspace study from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Obstacle Evaluation Group. The Division would be happy to assist with guidance in applying for a State Special-Use Airport Permit and contacting the FAA.

V/r,

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