

# Memorandum

Date: July 17, 2014

To: Scott Wilson, Regional Manager  
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Subject: Amendment to the Notification of a Lake or Streambed Alteration, pursuant to Section 1600 of the California Fish and Game Code, for the Emergency Drought Barriers Project

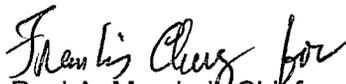
In March 2014, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) submitted to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) a notification of a lake or streambed alteration, pursuant to Section 1600 of the California Fish and Game Code, for the Emergency Drought Barriers Project (Project). Since the notification submittal, DWR issued a press release (dated April 18, 2014), indicating that recent precipitation had eliminated the immediate need for rock barriers to prevent saltwater intrusion, and that DWR would continue to monitor water quality and storage capacity data in case barriers are needed later in the year to protect vital water supplies. DWR assessed water supplies and demands and concluded that the Project would not be required for 2014.

Because the risk of a severe drought in California is high, DWR will continue to coordinate with CDFW and other regulatory agencies to obtain a programmatic/long-term permits for the Project. DWR anticipates submitting an amendment to the notification for the Project in late summer or early fall 2014.

DWR will comply with the California Environmental Quality Act by completing an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND). CDFW, as a trustee agency to protect fish and wildlife resources, will have an opportunity to review/comment on the IS/MND.

We look forward to working with you to obtain a streambed alteration agreement for this critical Project to protect the Delta from impaired water quality as a result of future droughts. If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 653-1099 or Jacob McQuirk at (916) 653-9883.

Sincerely,

  
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