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Subject: Notification of a Streambed Alteration, pursuant to Section 1602 of the California Fish and Game Code, for the Emergency Drought Barriers Project

Dear Mr. Wilson:

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is submitting a notification for a streambed alteration, pursuant to Section 1602 of the California Fish and Game Code (FGC), for the Emergency Drought Barriers Project (Project) to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). The Project consists of rock barriers placed in three strategic locations (Sutter Slough, Steamboat Slough, and False River) in the Sacramento River-San Joaquin River Delta (Delta) designed to retain freshwater flows in the Delta to repel higher saline water, and to reduce the intrusion of high salinity water from Suisun Bay into the central and south Delta. The Project is being implemented to "make water immediately available" pursuant to the Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency on January 17, 2014.

Enclosed is Form FG2023 for the Project and supplemental information, which includes five attachments. The supplemental information includes the following attachments:

- ▶ Attachment A: Project Description
- ▶ Attachment B: Continuation of Form FG2023
- ▶ Attachment C: Biological Assessments prepared for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service
- ▶ Attachment D: Design Drawings

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- ▶ Attachment E: Copies of CWA Section 404 ENG Form 4345 to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and CWA Section 401 Water Quality Certification Application to the State Water Resources Control Board

On March 12, 2014 at an agency coordination meeting with DWR, CDFW expressed to DWR the necessity to submit a notification as soon as possible in order to formally begin the agreement process. Therefore, DWR is submitting this notification package with the expressed understanding that additional material will be provided to CDFW at a later date.

We look forward to working with you to obtain Streambed Alteration Agreement for this critical Project to protect the Delta from impaired water quality. If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 653-1099 or my staff Jacob McQuirk at (916) 653-9883.

Sincerely,



Paul A. Marshall, Chief
Bay-Delta Office

Enclosures