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June 21, 2017

Tam M. Doduc  
Board Member  
State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 100  
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

Re: Water Right Application 30166 of El Sur Ranch

Dear Board Member Doduc:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (“CDFW”) wishes to update you regarding the status of negotiations between El Sur Ranch and CDFW. By letter dated April 6, 2017, CDFW was requested to update the Board as to when CDFW would transmit final instream flow recommendations to the Board. By letter dated May 11, 2017, CDFW informed the Board that CDFW had originally anticipated sending the recommendation the week of the May letter. CDFW also stated that due to developments with negotiations that CDFW anticipated sending the Board either an update on settlement discussions or an update on transmitting the final instream flow recommendations a few weeks from the May letter’s date.

As the Board is aware, by letter dated June 8, 2017, CDFW transmitted its final instream flow recommendations to the Board. CDFW developed and transmitted the flow recommendations in accordance with section 10000 et seq. of the Public Resources Code. As for the negotiations, CDFW and El Sur Ranch continue to make significant progress towards achieving a mutually agreeable solution to the matter. To that end, CDFW does not object to El Sur Ranch’s request for additional time to complete negotiations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin Takei".

Kevin Takei  
Attorney III  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife