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Greetings:

Attached is one of two letters from CDFW in response to the hearing officer's information request dated June 10, 2016. A second letter from El Sur Ranch and CDFW will provide additional information in response to the information request. A hard copy of the attached letter is being mailed to the Board.

Thank you,

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Re: Water Right Application 30166 of El Sur Ranch

Dear Board Member Doduc:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife ("CDFW") is writing you in response to your June 10, 2016 request to El Sur Ranch and CDFW for: 1) an estimated time schedule for conclusion of negotiations, and 2) a status update regarding CDFW's preparation of a physical habitat simulation model for the Big Sur River ("PHABSIM"). This letter provides an update on item 2. Information in response to item 1 is being provided in a separate letter from El Sur Ranch and CDFW.

The PHABSIM is part of CDFW's preparation of instream flow recommendations for the Big Sur River under section 10000 et seq. of the Public Resources Code. CDFW completed technical flow criteria reports for the Big Sur River instream flow studies in July 2014. These reports can be accessed on CDFW's Instream Flow Program website.¹ CDFW has also prepared draft flow recommendations and in March 2016, presented them to the public during a meeting in Big Sur. The draft flow recommendations can also be accessed from CDFW's website.²

CDFW is currently assessing comments from the public on the draft flow recommendations. Upon completion of that assessment, CDFW intends to finalize the draft flow criteria report. At this time, CDFW anticipates providing the final flow recommendations to the State Water Resources Control Board in fall 2016.

Sincerely,

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¹ <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Watersheds/Instream-Flow/Studies/Big-Sur-Study>

² <http://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=121472&inline>