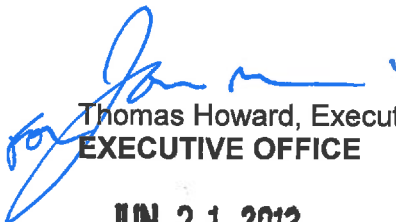


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DATE: **JUN 21 2013**

SUBJECT: CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR
THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE 2013 FISHERIES
RESTORATION GRANT PROGRAM (FILE NO. SB13002IN)

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has requested that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) issue a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the 2013 Fisheries Restoration Grant Program. An application for a Water Quality Certification was received on April 9, 2013. The application was deemed complete on April 26, 2013. State Water Board staff reviewed the information submitted by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife describing project activities and proposed water quality protection measures. Consultations regarding this program were also conducted with the North Coast, San Francisco Bay, and Central Coast Regional Water Quality Boards.

Pursuant to title 23, section 3838 of the California Code of Regulations, I hereby make the Water Quality Certification determination described in the Enclosure for this project. Attachments A through E are also part of this Water Quality Certification.

If you require further assistance, please contact Bob Solecki, the staff person most knowledgeable on the subject, at (916) 341-5483 (rsolecki@waterboards.ca.gov). You may also contact Bill Orme, Chief of the 401 Certification and Wetlands Program, at (916) 341-5464 (borme@waterboards.ca.gov).

Attachments and cc list: (see next page)

Attachments: Water Quality Certification Order
A. Signatory Requirement
B. Project Information Sheet
C. List of Projects
D. Map of Project Locations
E. Mitigation Measures, Monitoring and Reporting Program

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