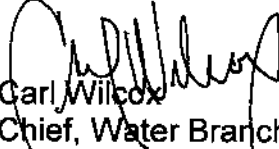


Memorandum

Date: August 12, 2008

To: Vicky Whitney
Deputy Director, Division Water Rights
State Water Resources Control Board

From: 
Carl Wilcox
Chief, Water Branch
California Department of Fish and Game

Subject: Priority Streams List for Instream Flow Assessment Prepared by the Department of Fish and Game Pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 10004.

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) developed the attached list of 22 priority streams or watercourses for future instream flow work pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) 10004. This list was compiled and ranked based on input from Regional DFG staff, staff from the State Water Board, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). In developing the ranking, staff considered criteria such as 1) presence of anadromous species; 2) likelihood that DFG flow recommendations would provide a high level of improvement; 3) availability of recent flow studies or other relevant data; and 4) the possibility of partners/willing landowners.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (916) 445-1231 or Robert Holmes, Instream Flow Coordinator, Water Branch, at (916) 324-0838.

Attachment

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Priority Streams List for Instream Flow Assessment Prepared by the Department of Fish and Game Pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 10004. August 8, 2008.

Rank	Stream or Watercourse	DFG Region and County
1	Butte Creek	2 Butte
2	Tuolumne River (below La Grange Dam)	4 Stanislaus
3	San Gregorio Creek (lower)	3 San Mateo
4	North Fork of Navarro River	1 Mendocino
5	Big Sur River	4 Monterey
6	Santa Maria River	5 Santa Barbara
7	Redwood Creek (tributary to Maacama)	3 Sonoma
8	Bear River (below Camp Far West)	2 Placer and Nevada
9	Shasta River	1 Siskiyou
10	Carmel River	4 Monterey
11	Santa Margarita River	6 Riverside
12	Merced River (below Crocker-Huffman Dam)	4 Merced
13	Redwood Creek (tributary to Napa)	3 Napa
14	Scott River	1 Siskiyou
15	Mattole River (near Whitethorn)	1 Humboldt
16	Dry Creek (tributary to Napa River)	3 Napa
17	Deer Creek (tributary to Yuba River)	2 Nevada
18	Mojave River	6 Riverside
19	Carpinteria Creek	5 Santa Barbara
20	Santa Ana River	6 Riverside, San Bernardino
21	Middle Fork Feather River	2 Plumas
22	Dos Pueblos Creek	5 Santa Barbara