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Jane Farwell-Jensen
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State Water Resources Control Board
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Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

Re: Water Right Application 30166 of El Sur Ranch

Dear Ms. Farwell-Jensen:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife ("CDFW") is writing you in response to your December 16, 2016 request to El Sur Ranch ("ESR") and CDFW for the status of: 1) CDFW's final flow recommendations for the Big Sur River, and 2) the settlement negotiations between ESR and CDFW.

On the first item, CDFW finished reviewing public input on CDFW's draft flow recommendations, documented its consideration of that public input in writing, and finalized its recommendation. All that information is undergoing review by CDFW management and CDFW anticipates transmitting that information to the State Water Resources Control Board in early 2017.

On the second item, ESR and CDFW continue to actively seek a mutually agreeable settlement. Since submitting their joint letter in June, ESR utilized the assistance of an outside expert to develop technical details of the settlement discussions, ESR provided those technical details to CDFW, and the parties have engaged in numerous conference calls and in person meetings.

CDFW appreciates the State Water Resources Control Board's patience on this matter and welcomes any additional inquiries on these two items.

Sincerely,

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