

LAKE and STREAMBED ALTERATION

When is Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration (LSA) Required?

Fish and Game Code section 1602 requires an entity to notify the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) prior to commencing any activity that may do one or more of the following:



- ◆ Substantially divert or obstruct the natural flow of any river, stream or lake;
- ◆ Substantially change or use any material from the bed, channel or bank of any river, stream or lake; or
- ◆ Deposit debris, waste or other materials that could pass into any river, stream or lake.

Please note that “any river, stream or lake” includes those that are episodic (they are dry for periods of time) as well as those that are perennial (they flow year round). Also note that the “bed, channel, or bank” includes the flood plain and riparian vegetation when present.

When is an LSA Agreement Required?

CDFW requires an LSA Agreement when it determines that the activity, as described in a complete LSA notification, may substantially adversely affect existing fish or wildlife resources.

An LSA Agreement includes measures necessary to protect existing fish and wildlife resources.

CDFW may suggest ways to modify your project that would eliminate or reduce harmful impacts to fish and wildlife resources.

Before issuing an LSA Agreement, CDFW must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).



Episodic



Perennial



For more information about LSA Notification, LSA Agreements, and CEQA compliance, you are encouraged to consult with CDFW staff in the region where your activity will occur.



How Do I Notify CDFW?

The LSA notification form, notification process and instructions, and fee schedule are located on the LSA Website:

www.wildlife.ca.gov/habcon/1600

You can also obtain notification materials from the following regional offices:

Northern Region (R1)

Inland

601 Locust Street
Redding, CA 96001
(530) 225-2367

North Central Region (R2)

1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
(916) 358-2900

Central Region (R4)

1234 East Shaw Avenue
Fresno, CA 93710
(559) 243-4593

Inland Deserts Region (R6)

3602 Inland Empire Blvd.
Suite C 220
Ontario, CA 91764
(909) 484-0167

Northern Region (R1)

Coastal

619 Second Street
Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 441-2075

Bay Delta Region (R3)

7329 Silverado Trail
Napa, CA 94558
(707) 944-5500

South Coast Region (R5)

3883 Ruffin Road
San Diego, CA 92123
(858) 467-4201



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