

February 16, 2017

Tam M. Doduc Board Member State Water Resources Control Board P.O. Box 100 Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

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 February 1, 2017 letter to El Sur Ranch ("ESR") and CDFW. Specifically, CDFW is responding to your inquiry as to the estimated time schedule for conclusion of the negotiations in order for you to consider a request for an extension of the abeyance period.

ESR and CDFW continue to actively seek a mutually agreeable resolution to the matter. In furtherance of that goal, ESR will provide the State Water Resources Control Board a specific request for an extension of the abeyance period. CDFW supports ESR's request. In the meantime, ESR and CDFW will be sure to update the Board of any significant developments related to the ongoing negotiations.

Sincerely,

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Kevin Takei Attorney III California Department of Fish and Wildlife