

INFORMATION SHEET

POLICY FOR MAINTAINING INSTREAM FLOWS IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COASTAL STREAMS

SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 2013 REVISIONS

Edits to the Policy for Maintaining Instream Flows in Northern California Coastal Streams (Policy) consist of clarifications to existing language and clerical corrections. The following is a summary of clarifications that were added to the Policy. Minor clerical edits (spelling, name changes, page number corrections, etc.) are not included in the summary.

Proposed, new, or existing onstream dams

The 2010 Policy included unnecessary language describing onstream dams as “proposed”, “new”, or “existing”. For clarification, this distinction was removed from **sections 1.0, 2.4.2** and **Appendix D**.

Onstream dams on Class I/II streams

The 2010 Policy included a one year time period during which water right applications for onstream dams located on Class I/II streams, built prior to July 19, 2006, would be accepted. This period concluded in May 2011. As such the wording regarding the one year period is no longer necessary and has been removed from **sections 2.4.1 and 2.4.2** and the flow chart on page **L-1**.

Onstream dams on Class III streams

Additional references were added to item 1 in **section 2.4.3** to advise applicants of the various scenarios under which a bypass flow may not be required. The absence of these references in the 2010 Policy was an oversight.

Water right application processing

Wording was updated in **section 3.3.1** and the flow chart on page **L-1** to clarify that work completed pursuant to the 2002 DFG-NMFS Guidelines during the time-period when the Policy was vacated will be considered.

Water right registrations

References to small domestic use and livestock stockpond registration program were changed to “water right registrations.” Wording in **section 3.3.3** was updated to include small irrigation use registrations as a registration type, reflect current CDFW and State Water Board practices, and to remove redundancy.

Monitoring and reporting of diversions

Edits were included in **section 10.1** to clarify permit requirements for monitoring and reporting of diversions. An edit was also added to **section 10.1.1** to more clearly describe projects requiring specific monitoring requirements.

Water supply reports

The phrase “water right” was replaced with “diverter” in **section A.1.2** and **Appendix B** to be consistent with the naming convention used in **section 2.3**.

Selection of points of interest (POIs)

The organizational structure was corrected in **section A.1.7** to reduce repetitive language.

Compliance assurance

California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 780 and CEQA references were added to **section F.1.0** to clarify the basis of the State Water Board's authority to add CEQA required and/or applicable standard permit terms and conditions to water rights.