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To: Prospective Applicant

## **Electronic Submittal of Lake and Streambed Alteration Notification for Standard Agreements**

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is responsible for conserving, protecting, and managing the State's fish, wildlife, and native plants. As a part of a broader effort by the California Natural Resources Agency and CDFW to go paperless, CDFW will begin accepting electronic notifications for all Lake and Streambed Alteration Standard Agreements (Fish & G. Code, § 1600 et seq.) effective August 1, 2020.

Notifications for Standard Agreements will be accepted through CDFW's new online Environmental Permit Information Management System (EPIMS). As CDFW transitions to EPIMS, CDFW will continue to accept paper notifications for Standard Agreements through August 2020. All applications received on or after September 1, 2020 will be processed through EPIMS.

Applying online helps CDFW conserve natural resources and process permits more efficiently. EPIMS streamlines the issuance of permits by providing:

- Access anywhere internet is available
- Submittal of supplemental documentation (e.g., plans, maps, photos, studies)
- Calculation of permit fees
- Electronic signatures
- Automated email alerts and reminders
- Applicant tracking of permit progress

CDFW will continue to accept paper notifications for other agreement types (i.e., Master, Gravel/Sand/Rock Extraction, Routine Maintenance, and Timber Harvesting) until further notice.

For more information about EPIMS, or if you need help completing your online notification, please visit the CDFW's EPIMS website at:

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Environmental-Review/EPIMS>