DOES YOUR SALVAGE LOGGING OR VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROJECT INCLUDE WORKING IN OR NEAR A WATERBODY?

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) helps landowners avoid impacts to fish, wildlife, and native plants, and the habitats upon which these species depend.

The CDFW Lake and Streambed Alteration (LSA) Program reviews projects that may alter a river, stream, or lake (waterbody). These projects require landowner notification to CDFW for the project activities. CDFW also provides guidance to avoid unauthorized “take” of species protected under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA).

BEFORE YOU BEGIN YOUR PROJECT, USE THE CHECKLIST BELOW TO HELP DETERMINE IF A CONSULTATION WITH CDFW MAY BE NEEDED

A PERMIT IS LIKELY REQUIRED IF YOUR PROJECT INCLUDES:

☐ The construction of a road, bridge, or crossing in or near a waterbody
☐ The installation or replacement of a culvert in or near a waterbody
☐ Substantial diversion of a waterbody’s natural flow (e.g., removing water or water drafting)
☐ The obstruction of flowing water in a waterbody (e.g., dam or wood piles)
☐ Substantial change to the bed, bank, or channel of any waterbody
☐ Potential impact to any sensitive or CESA-protected species or their habitat
☐ Removal of a tree with a bird nest in it

If any of the boxes apply to your project, please consult with CDFW BEFORE you start the project. If you checked any of the first five boxes, you may need to submit a LSA notification. Failure to notify CDFW of any potential Lake and Streambed Alterations or to apply proper take avoidance measures for sensitive and protected species may result in a violation of the Fish and Game Code (see sidebar).

It is very important for landowners, Registered Professional Foresters, Licensed Timber Operators, utility companies, or anyone working on salvage logging, fuel reduction, or vegetation management projects to know what CDFW permits or authorizations might be needed. **Even if you are working under a CAL FIRE Emergency or Exemption, the Fish and Game Code must still be followed.** Contact CDFW if you have any questions or to start a consultation.

To locate the Fish and Wildlife Office near you:
[https://wildlife.ca.gov/Regions](https://wildlife.ca.gov/Regions)

For more information on permits: [https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Timber](https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Timber)