

Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects Concurrence Request Process

See Public Resources Code § 21080.56 for more details.

Before the concurrence request is submitted to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), Lead Agency requests early consultation with CDFW by emailing restorationpermitting@wildlife.ca.gov. Cutting the Green Tape (CGT) program staff may coordinate a meeting to ensure timely review of the request.

Concurrence request and attachments submitted to the Director via the Environmental Permit Information Management System (EPIMS) Document Repository.

Habitat Conservation Planning Branch (HCPB) assigns a tracking number, updates database, and transmits concurrence request to Regional CGT staff with copy to CGT headquarters staff for concurrent review.

Regional CGT staff reviews Lead Agency's determinations for concurrence pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21080.56, subdivisions (a) – (d).

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Further Review Needed

Conduct additional review and elevate to CDFW leadership. If nonconcurrence is anticipated, Director informs Lead Agency of decision.

Lead Agency may choose to withdraw the request to avoid nonconcurrence.

Not Withdrawn

Withdrawn

Regional CGT staff prepares draft concurrence or nonconcurrence. Regional CGT staff transmits documents to CGT headquarters staff and HCPB.

CGT headquarters staff coordinates with Director for signature.

CGT headquarters staff transmits signed documents to Lead Agency.

CGT headquarters staff posts concurrence determination to CDFW internet page at: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Notices/CEQA>.

Regional CGT staff emails Lead Agency confirming concurrence request withdrawal