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Subject: Incidental Take Permit for Canon Station Industrial Area Project,

2081-2016-065-03, Amendment No. 1

Dear Mr. Andrews:

Enclosed you will find an electronic copy of the Incidental Take Permit Amendment for the above referenced Project, which has been digitally signed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). Please read the permit carefully and sign the acknowledgement **no later than 30 days from CDFW signature** and prior to initiation of ground-disturbing activities. You may return an electronic copy of the permit with digital signature to CESA@wildlife.ca.gov. Digital signatures shall comply with Government Code section 16.5. Alternatively, you may return a hard copy of the permit via mail to:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Habitat Conservation Planning Branch, CESA Permitting
Post Office Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

You are advised to keep the permit in a secure location and distribute copies to appropriate project staff responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions of approval of the permit. Note that you are required to comply with certain conditions of approval prior to initiation of ground-disturbing activities. This includes but is not limited to habitat management land acquisition, as described in Condition of Approval 8, unless a performance security, as described in Condition of Approval 9, is provided to CDFW. Additionally, a copy of the permit must be maintained at the project work site and made available for inspection by CDFW staff when requested.

The permit amendment will not take effect until the signed acknowledgement is received by CDFW. If you wish to discuss these instructions or have questions regarding the Amendment, please contact Ms. Amanda Culpepper, Environmental Scientist, at amanda.culpepper@wildlife.ca.gov; or Ms. Melanie Day, Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisory), at melanie.day@wildlife.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

Stephanie Fong

Stephanie Fong, Acting Regional Manager Bay Delta Region

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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AMENDMENT NO. 1
(A Minor Amendment)
California Endangered Species Act
Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2016-065-03
Canon Partners
Canon Station Industrial Area in Solano County

INTRODUCTION

On September 11, 2017, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) issued Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2016-065-03 (ITP) to Canon Partners (Permittee), authorizing take of California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) (Covered Species) associated with and incidental to the Canon Station Industrial Area in Solano County, California (Project). The Project as described in the ITP as originally issued by CDFW includes the development of 52.29 acres of agricultural grassland into an industrial park. An additional 30.33 acres of a 250-foot disturbance buffer will be established around the Project site. No physical disturbance (staging, vehicle access, soil disturbance) to this buffer area is planned. In issuing the ITP, CDFW found, among other things, that Permittee's compliance with the Conditions of Approval of the ITP would fully mitigate Project impacts of the taking on the Covered Species and that issuance of the ITP would not jeopardize the continued existence of the Covered Species.

The Project has not been constructed due to economic factors and other delays. The Permittee anticipates that Project activities may begin in the spring or summer of 2022.

In a letter dated December 6, 2021, the Permittee requested to renew the ITP term through December 31, 2024.

This Minor Amendment No. 1 (Amendment) makes the following changes to the existing ITP:

This Amendment changes the expiration date of the ITP from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2024

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AMENDMENT

The ITP is amended as follows (amended language in **bold italics**; deleted language in strikethrough):

1. The last sentence of the second paragraph on page 1 (Effective Date and Expiration Date of this ITP) shall be amended to read:

Unless renewed by CDFW, this ITP's authorization to take the Covered Species shall expire on December 31, 2021 **December 31, 2024**.

All terms and conditions of the ITP and MMRP that are not expressly amended herein remain in effect and must be implemented and adhered to by the Permittee.

FINDINGS

Issuance of this Amendment will not increase the amount of take of the Covered Species compared to the Project as originally approved, nor will this Amendment increase other Project impacts on the Covered Species (i.e., "impacts of taking" as used in Fish and Game Code Section 2081, subd. (b)(2)).

<u>Discussion</u>: This Amendment makes one specific change to the ITP as originally issued. The change is the extension of the original ITP expiration date. The resulting impacts to the Covered Species, however, including the number of acres of habitat that will be lost as a result of the Project, will remain the same.

CDFW has determined that the extension of time will not increase the amount of take or the severity of other impacts of the taking on the Covered Species. Given the circumstances of this Project, CDFW believes that the changes to the Project or Conditions of the ITP described in this Amendment will not increase impacts to the Covered Species.

Issuance of this Amendment does not affect CDFW's previous determination that issuance of the ITP meets and is otherwise consistent with the permitting criteria set forth in Fish and Game Code section 2081, subdivisions (b) and (c).

<u>Discussion</u>: CDFW determined in September 2017 that the Project, as approved, met the standards for issuance of an ITP under CESA. This determination included findings that, among other things, the impacts of the taking would be minimized and fully mitigated and that the Project would not jeopardize the continued existence of the Covered Species. Those findings are unchanged with respect to this Amendment because the Project and ITP as amended: (1) will have no effect on the total amount or severity of Project impacts on the Covered Species, as discussed above, and (2) does

not alter the measures that will be undertaken to minimize and mitigate previously authorized impacts on the Covered Species. Permittee's continued adherence to and implementation of the avoidance and minimization measures set forth in the ITP's Conditions of Approval and MMRP will minimize and fully mitigate impacts of the taking on the Covered Species.

None of the factors that would trigger the need for subsequent or supplemental environmental analysis of the Project under Public Resources Code section 21166 or California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15162 and 15163, exist as a result of this Amendment.

<u>Discussion</u>: CDFW issued the ITP in September 2017 as a responsible agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) after, among other things, considering the environmental impact report certified by the City of Fairfield as the lead agency for the Project. As explained in the findings below, CDFW finds for purposes of CESA that this Amendment is a minor change to the original ITP. CDFW finds for the same reasons under CEQA that approval of the Amendment will not result in and does not have the potential to create any new significant or substantially more severe environmental effects than previously analyzed and disclosed by City of Fairfield during its lead agency review of the Project, particularly with respect to the impacts authorized by CDFW pursuant to the ITP as amended. As a result, CDFW finds that no additional subsequent or supplemental environmental review is required by CEQA as part of CDFW's approval of this Amendment.

CDFW finds that this Amendment is a Minor Amendment, as defined in California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 783.6, subdivision (c)(4).

<u>Discussion</u>: This Amendment extends the expiration date of the original ITP. This change to the ITP will not: (1) increase the level of take or other Project impacts on Covered Species previously analyzed and authorized by the ITP, (2) affect Permittee's substantive mitigation obligations under the ITP, (3) require further environmental review under CEQA, or (4) increase temporal impacts on the Covered Species. Therefore, this Amendment will not significantly modify the scope or nature of the permitted Project or activity, or the minimization, mitigation, or monitoring measures in the ITP. CDFW has determined that the change to the ITP constitutes a Minor Amendment as defined in California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 783.6, subdivision (c)(4).

The authorization provided by this Amendment is not valid until Permittee signs and dates the acknowledgement below, and returns one of the duplicate originals of this Amendment by registered first class mail to CDFW at:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Planning Branch Attention: CESA Permitting Program Post Office Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

Alternatively, the Permittee shall email the digitally signed ITP to CESA@wildlife.ca.gov. Digital signatures shall comply with Government Code section 16.5.

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	Stephanie Fong
	Stephanie Fong, Acting Regional Manager
	Bay Delta Region

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The undersigned: (1) warrants that he or she is acting as a duly authorized representative of the Permittee, (2) acknowledges receipt of the original ITP and this Amendment, and (3) agrees on behalf of the Permittee to comply with all terms and conditions of the ITP as amended.

By: Frank J. Indrws	_Date:
Printed Name: Frank J. Andrews	Title: Manager