



# Common Causes for Delayed Issuance of Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement

## Reason for Delay

Project description in the Notification is incomplete or Applicant requests changes.

## Recommendation

Include specific Project design information with the Notification, including dimensions and technical plans. Notify CDFW well in advance of any changes to the Project description.

## Reason for Delay

Insufficient Project planning.

## Recommendation

When planning a project, consider that any work in or adjacent to a stream may require Notification and an Agreement. Applicants should coordinate simultaneously with all permitting agencies to avoid conflicts between multiple permits. CDFW encourages early consultation with CDFW if you are unsure whether to notify.

## Reason for Delay

Incorrect Notification Fee.

## Recommendation

Lake and Streambed Alteration (LSA) fees are based on the cost of each individual "Project" activity (e.g., each stream crossing, water diversion, etc.) requiring Notification and not the overall Project cost. See [Fee Schedule](#).

### Reason for Delay

Notification did not identify all Project activities.

### Recommendation

Describe the overall Project (whole of the action), in addition to the individual Project activities that are subject to [Fish and Game Code section 1602](#).

### Reason for Delay

[California Environmental Quality Act \(CEQA\)](#) review is incomplete or does not address all activities and impacts for the issuance of an Agreement.

### Recommendation

Consult with CDFW before completing a Project's CEQA document. The CEQA document must address all proposed LSA activities.

### Reason For Delay

Notification does not adequately address Project impacts.

### Recommendation

Include **all** anticipated temporary and/or permanent impacts, based on habitat types, in the Notification. Include maps indicating impacted areas and the acres or square feet of impacts.

### Reason for Delay

Notification does not propose measures to protect fish, wildlife, and plant resources, or compensatory mitigation when applicable.

### Recommendation

Propose measures in the Notification that will protect fish and wildlife resources and their habitats. For permanent substantial impacts, propose compensatory mitigation.

### Reason for Delay

Draft Agreement is not signed and returned promptly by the Applicant.

## Recommendation

The Agreement is not final until: 1) the Applicant signs and returns a draft Agreement to CDFW; 2) CDFW complies with CEQA as a lead or responsible agency; and 3) CDFW signs the final Agreement.

## Reason for Delay

Person other than Applicant or Designated Representative signs the Notification or Agreement.

## Recommendation

The Applicant or Authorized Designated Representative must sign and submit the signature on the Notification or Agreement. If the Applicant is a business, only an employee authorized by the business may sign.

## Reason for Delay

Notification submitted to the wrong CDFW region.

## Recommendation

In [EPIMS](#) there is a different Notification for each region. You must pick the Notification for the region where your project is located. If you select the Notification type in the wrong region, CDFW will withdraw your Notification, and you will need to start over again to submit to the correct region. Refer to the [CDFW regional contact map](#).

## Contact

Early contact with your [Regional office](#) can help prevent delays.

- For specific questions regarding your project, including the status of your EPIMS self-certification, Notification, Agreement, status report, or fees, contact the [CDFW Regional Office](#) where the project is located.
- For general questions about CDFW's role in cannabis permitting, email [AskCannabis@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:AskCannabis@wildlife.ca.gov).