



Cannabis Program

Tips for Closing Out Your Lake or Streambed Alteration (LSA) Documentation

All cultivation sites are unique. Every LSA document issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is based on project and site-specific conditions. Therefore, the first step to close your LSA document will always be to reach out to your CDFW [LSA Regional Contact](#). Regardless of the type of LSA document you have, your LSA Regional Contact will work with you to determine the best path forward.

Self-Certification and Notification Not Required (NNR) Letters

- Issued when project activities do not trigger the notification requirement in Fish and Game Code section 1602
 - No substantial diversion or obstruction of a river, lake, or stream
 - Does not substantially change or use any material from the bed, channel, or bank of, any river, stream, or lake
 - Does not involve depositing or disposing of debris or waste where it may pass into any river, stream, or lake
- These types of LSA documents can be rescinded upon request

No Agreement Needed (NAN) Letters

- Issued when project activities do trigger the notification requirement in Fish and Game Code section 1602, but CDFW determined the activity will not substantially adversely affect an existing fish or wildlife resource
 - You were allowed to conduct the activity without an agreement, if it was done as described in the notification
- These types of LSA documents can also be rescinded upon request

Operation of Law (OpLaw) Letters

- A letter indicating CDFW did not provide you with a draft LSA agreement or inform you that an agreement is not required within a specified timeframe
 - As a result, by law, you were able to proceed with the project described in your LSA notification without an agreement
 - Since your LSA notification may have included project activities which would have required an LSA agreement, your LSA Regional Contact will work with you to determine the best path forward
- Options may include issuing a Letter of Completed Work or simply letting your OpLaw letter expire

LSA Agreements

- Required when a project activity may substantially adversely affect fish and wildlife resources
- Options may include issuing a Letter of Completed Work or terminating your LSA Agreement

Resources

- [LSA Regional Contacts](#)
- [CDFW's Cannabis Permitting Website](#)