California Department of Fish and Wildlife

LAKE and STREAMBED ALTERATION

When is Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration (LSA) Required?

Fish and Game Code section 1602 requires an entity to notify the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) prior to commencing any activity that may do one or more of the following:



- Substantially divert or obstruct the natural flow of any river, stream or lake;
- Substantially change or use any material from the bed, channel or bank of any river, stream or lake; or
- Deposit debris, waste or other materials that could pass into any river, stream or lake.

Please note that "any river, stream, or lake" includes those that are episodic (they are dry for periods of time) as well as those that are perennial (they flow year round).

When is an LSA Agreement Required?

CDFW requires an LSA Agreement when it determines that the activity, as described in a complete LSA notification, may substantially adversely affect existing fish or wildlife resources.

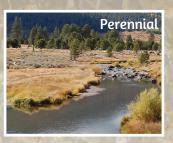
An LSA Agreement includes measures necessary to protect existing fish and wildlife resources.

CDFW may suggest ways to modify your project that would eliminate or reduce harmful impacts to fish and wildlife resources.

Before issuing an LSA Agreement, CDFW must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEOA).







For more information about LSA Notification, LSA Agreements, and CEQA compliance, you are encouraged to consult with CDFW staff in the region where your activity will occur.



How Do I Notify CDFW?

The LSA notification form, notification process and instructions, and fee schedule are located on the LSA Website:

wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/LSA

You can obtain notification materials from the following regional offices:

Northern Region (R1) Inland 601 Locust Street Redding, CA 96001 (530) 225-2367

North Central Region (R2) 1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 (916) 358-2885

Central Region (R4) 1234 East Shaw Avenue Fresno, CA 93710 (559) 243-4593

Inland Deserts Region (R6) 3602 Inland Empire Blvd. Suite C 220 Ontario, CA 91764 (909) 484-0523 Northern Region (R1) Coastal 619 Second Street Eureka, CA 95501

(707) 441-2075

Bay Delta Region (R3) 2825 Cordelia Rd., Ste. 100 Fairfield, CA 94534 (707) 428-2002

South Coast Region (R5) 3883 Ruffin Road San Diego, CA 92123 (858) 636-3160



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