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Attn: Mike Fris
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Ren
Dear Mr. Lohofener:

SECTION 6 COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT – REVIEW OF LAW DEMONSTRATING COMPLIANCE WITH ESA

The enclosed Review was prepared at the request of the Fish and Wildlife Service to demonstrate California's continuing compliance with the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has substantial legislative authority to conserve fish, wildlife, and plants, and has an adequate and active program to conserve listed species.

Please let me know if the Fish and Wildlife Service is able to confirm that California's program meets the requirements of 16 U.S.C. section 1535(c). Once that finding is made, the Fish and Wildlife Service and CDFW can continue our efforts to finalize a revised Cooperative Agreement and accompanying Memorandum of Agreement, allowing our agencies to continue to work together to conserve species within California.

Sincerely,

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Director

Enclosures

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