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State Water Resources Control Board

June 10, 2016

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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WATER RIGHT APPLICATION 30166 OF EL SUR RANCH, BIG SUR RIVER IN MONTEREY COUNTY

By letter dated [May 20, 2016](#), El Sur Ranch and the Department of Fish and Wildlife advised the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) of ongoing settlement discussions between the two parties and requested the Board to hold in abeyance any further actions regarding the application of El Sur Ranch until negotiations have concluded.

The letter does not include a request for a specific period of abeyance or a date by which the parties expect settlement negotiations to have concluded. For the request of El Sur Ranch and the Department of Fish and Wildlife to be further considered, these parties are directed to submit no later than **noon, June 24, 2016**, an estimated time schedule for conclusion of the negotiations. All parties will have until **noon, July 8, 2016** to submit objections to the request for abeyance.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife is also directed to submit a status update regarding the Physical Habitat Simulation Model study that was being conducted at the time of the hearing. The Department of Fish and Wildlife previously requested that the permit terms be revisited upon completion of the study. The Department is directed to submit information regarding the status of the study, the status or timing of publication of the results of the study if applicable, and the status of any final recommendations for proposed streamflow requirements for the Big Sur River pursuant to Public Resources Code § 10002.

Please note that State Water Board staff have forwarded the May 20, 2016 correspondence letter to all of the hearing parties. As a reminder, all ex-parte communications concerning substantive or controversial procedural issues relevant to this hearing are prohibited. Parties must provide a copy of any correspondence to the State Water Board concerning substantive or controversial procedural issues to all of the parties. The most recent version of the service list can be found on the State Water Board's El Sur Ranch Hearing project page:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/hearings/elsur_ranch/

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

Tam M. Doduc, Board Member
El Sur Ranch Hearing Officer

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