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Dear Mr. Buckman,

Thank you for the email below and the granting of the cited request. The applicant, El Sur Ranch and the Department of Fish and Wildlife intend to meet with the parties to discuss the status of the settlement negotiations. We will report back by March 18.

Best regards,  
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Messrs Berliner and Takei:

On [December 20, 2018](#), Hearing Officer Doduc directed that El Sur Ranch (ESR) and the California

Department of Fish and Wildlife submit a Hearing Management Plan (HMP). In your [January 31, 2019](#) correspondence you requested 45 days from the date of the letter in which you would meet and confer with the other hearing parties regarding the settlement negotiations. The Hearing Officer has granted your January 31, 2019 request and expects to receive an update on March 18, 2019.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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