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**Re: El Sur Ranch**

Dear Hearing Officer Doduc,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you on progress between the Department of Fish and Wildlife and El Sur Ranch. Considerable investigation has taken place to gain better understanding of the essential needs of the resources both parties are seeking to protect. Negotiations have significantly progressed and the parties are seeking to finalize discussions in the very near future. Given recent progress, we are optimistic that with a little additional time we will be able to submit a settlement to the Water Board for your consideration.

We would very much appreciate it if the Water Board would continue to hold this proceeding in abeyance to allow time for the final phase needed for the parties to complete their negotiations.

Respectfully yours,

*Tom Berliner*

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