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Re: El Sur Ranch

Dear Ms. Doduc and Ms. Farwell-Jensen:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you on progress on the development of an operations plan and settlement between the Department of Fish and Wildlife and El Sur Ranch. We last communicated with you on June 20, 2017. Since that time considerable further investigation has taken place to gain better understanding of the essential needs of the resources both parties are seeking to protect. The negotiations continue to progress and the parties are committed to finalizing discussions once all material issues are addressed. Based on this further progress, we are optimistic that we will be able to submit a settlement to the Water Board for your consideration relatively soon.

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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,

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