

Peter Barnes - Re: Pit 1: Suspension of Flushing Flows

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Subject: Re: Pit 1: Suspension of Flushing Flows
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Hi Peter,

These actions are acceptable and using the best available information we support the suspension of summer flushing flows to minimize adverse affects to the federally endangered Shasta crayfish.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

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Subject Pit 1: Suspension of Flushing Flows

Kim,

Before we acted on the attached request, we wanted to check with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to make sure that these actions are acceptable. USFWS originally requested the suspension of flushing flows for the protection of the Shasta Crayfish. Before the State Water Resources Control Board can permanently suspend flushing flows, it must comply with CEQA. As outlined in the attached letter, PG&E is requesting an additional year of suspension of flushing flows in order to carry out the Shasta crayfish study plan and complete CEQA. I just wanted to check and make sure that USFWS still supports and requests the suspension of flushing flows for the protection of the Shasta crayfish. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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