



CDFW LAKE AND STREAMBED ALTERATION NOTIFICATIONS

**PRESENTATION TO THE CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
LOCAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

July 31, 2025

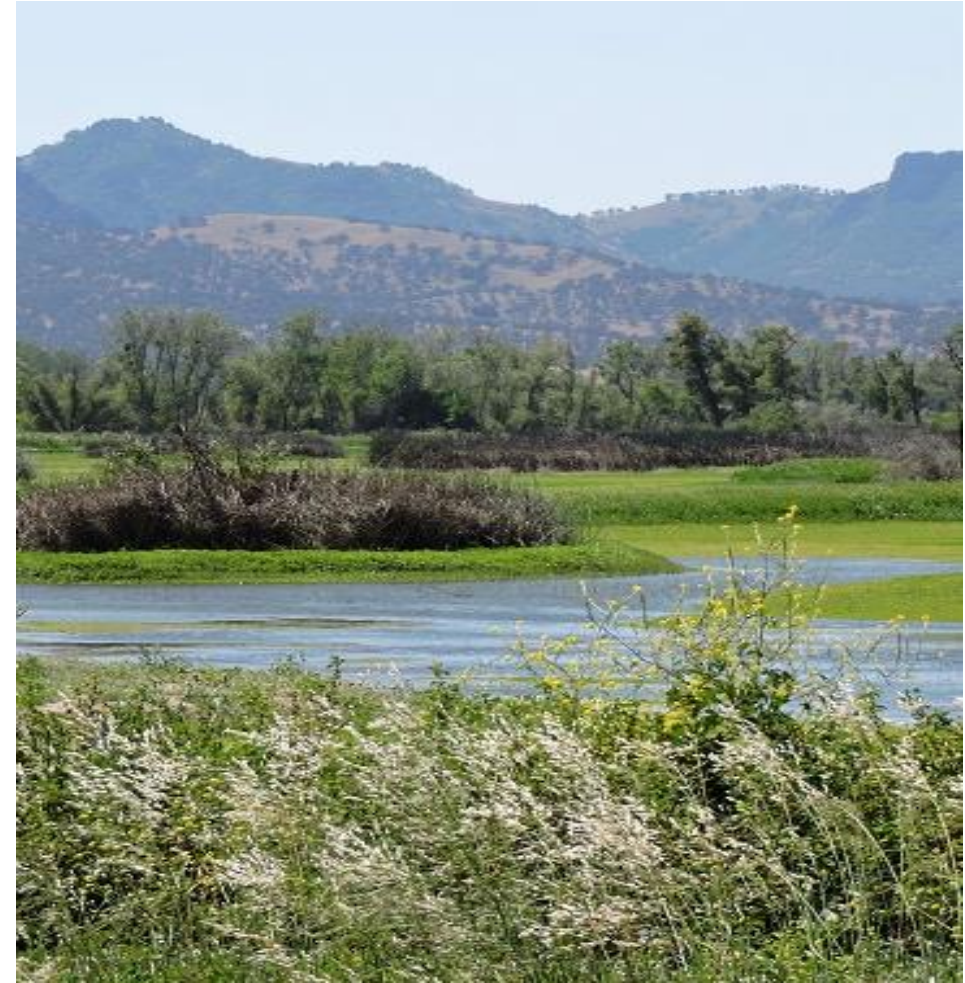
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Habitat Conservation and Planning
Branch/Lake and Streambed Alteration
Program



Objectives

- Overview the code that regulates LSA program
- Understand what information needs to be included in each section of the Notification
- Review the process from registration to submission of a Notification (EPIMS)
- Identify resources that can assist in preparing a LSA Notification
- Address any questions or concerns about the LSA Agreement process



Notifications



If you plan to ...

- Substantially **divert or obstruct the natural flow of,**
- Substantially **change or use any material from**
 - the bed, channel, or bank of, any river, stream, or lake,
- **Deposit or dispose** of debris, waste, or other material containing crumbled, flaked, or ground pavement where it may pass into any river, stream, or lake

Agreement Types

Standard Agreement (SA)

- For a one-time project
- Ex. culverts and bridges

Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA)

- For the routine maintenance of a structure or area
- Ex. debris basin maintenance and fuel management zones

Master Agreements

- Covers multiple projects where detailed plans are not ready at time of Notification
- Always long-term

SAs and RMAs can be either:

Short-Term Agreements

- Project Term of 5 years or less
- Can be extended once, for no more than 5 additional years.

Long-Term Agreements

- Project Term of more than 5 years

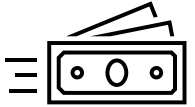
LSA Process

The Applicant may proceed when **ALL** the following occur:

1. CDFW receives written **Notification and full fee**
2. CDFW determines Notification **complete**
3. CDFW issues a Final **Agreement** (or determines no Agreement required)



LSA Program Notification Review



The applicant pays the applicable fees

- CDFW is **not** required to determine whether an LSA Notification is complete or otherwise process the Notification until CDFW has received all fees
- Fees are described in CA Code of Regulations



CDFW determines whether the Notification is complete within 30 days

[Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, section 699.5; Fish & Game Code 1602\(a\)\(2\)](#)

Incomplete Notifications

Common reasons notifications are deemed incomplete:

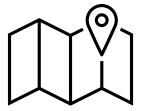
- Insufficient project description
- Inadequate project plans and impacts
- Lack of detailed project map
- Missing construction plans
- Incorrect/Incomplete fee



[Fish & Game Code 1602\(a\)\(1\)](#)

What makes a complete Notification?

Enough for **CDFW** to assess if activities will “**substantially adversely affect existing fish or wildlife resources**”



A. A detailed description of the Project's location and a map



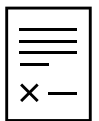
B. The name, if any, of the river, stream, or lake affected



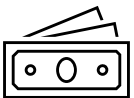
C. A detailed Project description, including, but not limited to, construction plans and drawings, if applicable



D. A copy of any CEQA document, if already prepared



E. A copy of any other applicable local, state, or federal permit or Agreement already issued



F. Any other information required by the Department

CDFW Responses to Complete Notification

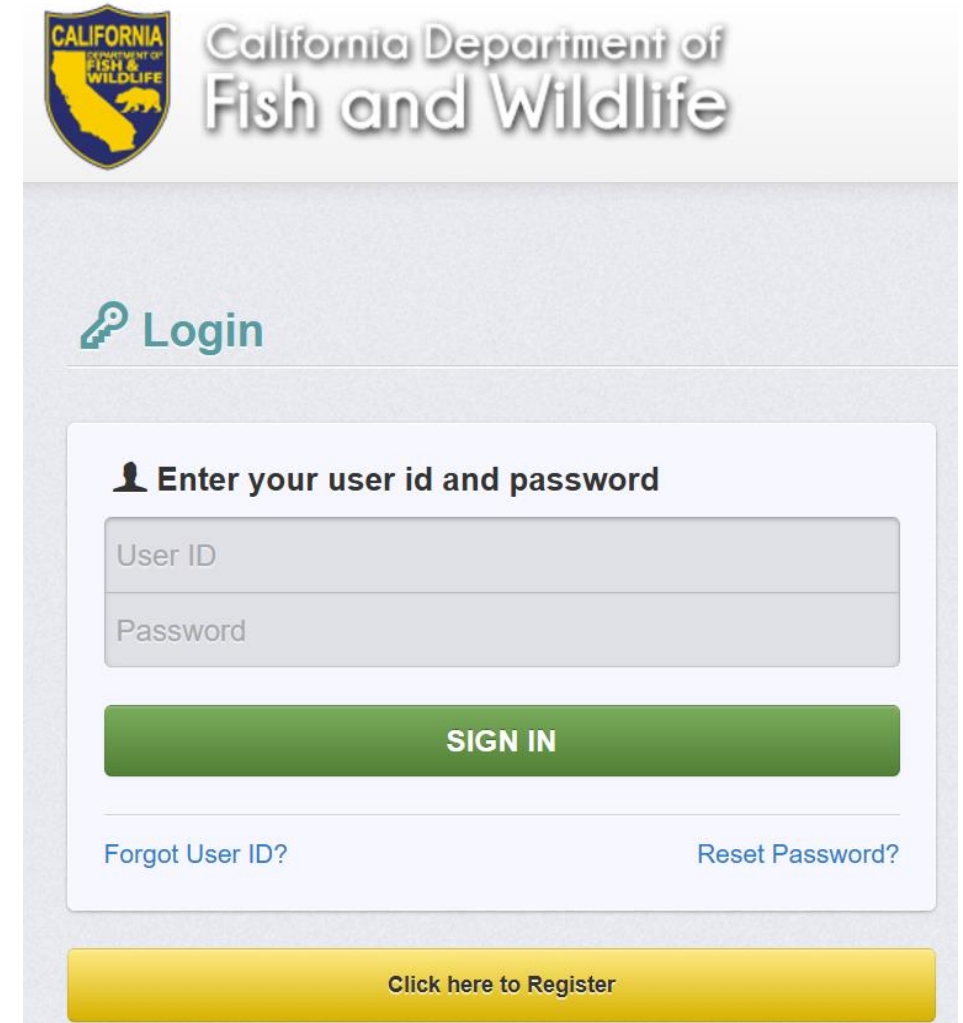


CDFW determines...

1. An Agreement is **necessary**
2. An Agreement is **not needed**
3. Notification was **not required**
4. CDFW fails to act within 60 days after Notification determined complete – project approved by **Operation of Law (OpLaw)**


Registration and password sharing


- Log-in to EPIMS or select "Click here to Register"
- All users need their own account
- No password sharing




The screenshot shows the login interface for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. At the top left is the department's logo, and to its right is the text "California Department of Fish and Wildlife". Below this is a "Login" link with a key icon. The main login area is a white box containing the instruction "Enter your user id and password" with a person icon. It features two input fields: "User ID" and "Password". A green "SIGN IN" button is positioned below the fields. At the bottom of the white box are two links: "Forgot User ID?" and "Reset Password?". A yellow button at the very bottom of the page reads "Click here to Register".

Notifying through EPIMS

**California Department of Fish and Wildlife**

**Region 2 Tester**
Tester
EPIMS System Training

**Notification Types**
List of all current Notification Types

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[Notification Types](#) > [Notifications](#) > [Permits](#) > [Reports](#) > [My Profile](#) >

Currently Posted Notification Types

All currently posted notification types appear below. Please complete a notification for the region that serves the county where the project is located.

Search:

ID	Status	Agency	Region	Project Name	Posted Date	Final-Notification Due Date
21848	Posted	LSA	Region 1 (Coastal)	Notify for Commercial Timber Harvesting 1602 Agreement	Apr 29, 2025 10:07 AM	Not Applicable
23542	Posted	LSA	Region 1 (Coastal)	Notify for Master Agreement	Apr 29, 2025 10:09 AM	Not Applicable
21041	Posted	LSA	Region 1 (Coastal)	Notify for Emergency Work	Apr 29, 2025 10:06 AM	Not Applicable
21041	Posted	LSA	Region 1 (Coastal)	Notify for Gravel, Sand, or Rock Extraction Agreement (non-Cannabis)	Apr 29, 2025 10:07 AM	Not Applicable
10136	Posted	LSA	Region 1 (Coastal)	Notify for Self-Certification (Cannabis Only)	Apr 29, 2025 10:02 AM	Not Applicable
10139	Posted	LSA	Region 1 (Coastal)	Notify for General Agreement (Cannabis Only)	Apr 29, 2025 10:03 AM	Not Applicable
10142	Posted	LSA	Region 1 (Coastal)	Notify for Standard Agreement (Cannabis and non-Cannabis)	Apr 29, 2025 10:04 AM	Not Applicable
10945	Posted	LSA	Region 1 (Coastal)	Document Repository - LSA Amendments & Extensions and CESA ITPs	Apr 29, 2025 10:05 AM	Not Applicable
11072	Posted	LSA	Region 1 (Coastal)	Document Repository - HREA, CESA CDs, SERP and WJTCA ITPs	Apr 29, 2025 10:05 AM	Not Applicable
21856	Posted	LSA	Region 1 (Coastal)	Notify for Routine Maintenance Agreement (Cannabis and non-Cannabis)	Apr 29, 2025 10:08 AM	Not Applicable
30910	Posted	LSA	Region 1 (Coastal)	Notify for Timber Harvesting Plan 1611 Agreement	Jun 1, 2022 3:06 PM	Not Applicable
10138	Posted	LSA	Region 1 (Inland)	Notify for Self-Certification (Cannabis Only)	Apr 29, 2025 10:19 AM	Not Applicable
10141	Posted	LSA	Region 1 (Inland)	Notify for General Agreement (Cannabis Only)	Apr 29, 2025 10:12 AM	Not Applicable

Application Components

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Documents and Maps		
Fees Schedule		
Acknowledgement and Signature	-	

General Information

Notification ID*:

56778

Region*:

TEST

Notification Type*:

26925-TEST - Notify for Timber Harvesting Plan 1611 Agreement

Notification Stage*:

Final Application

Notification Status*:

Editing

Notification Title*:

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Applicant*:



Organization*:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife



Select any additional contacts within your organization that will also manage this grant. Include all contacts that will need access to claims and status reports if this project is awarded.

Additional Contacts:

Addi

An Applicant may designate and authorize an agent (e.g., lawyer, consultant, or other individual) to act as Designated Representative.

The Designated Representative is authorized to sign the notification and any agreement on behalf of the applicant. To have access and receive alerts related to the notification or permit

Designated Representative:

Person Lookup

 Locate Person

EPIMS Terms

- **Applicant:** The person legally responsible for upholding the terms of the Agreement. Once the final LSA Agreement is issued, this person will become known as the **Permittee**.
- **Organization:** Serves as an anchor that connects multiple EPIMS users to a Notification with their own secure login.
- **Additional Contact:** User who has been given the authority by the Applicant to view/edit the Notification.
- **Designated Representative:** User who has been given the authority by the Applicant to sign the Notification and Agreement on the Applicant's behalf.

EPIMS Organization

Person 1
Person 2
Person 3

LSA Notification 1

Person 1
Person 2

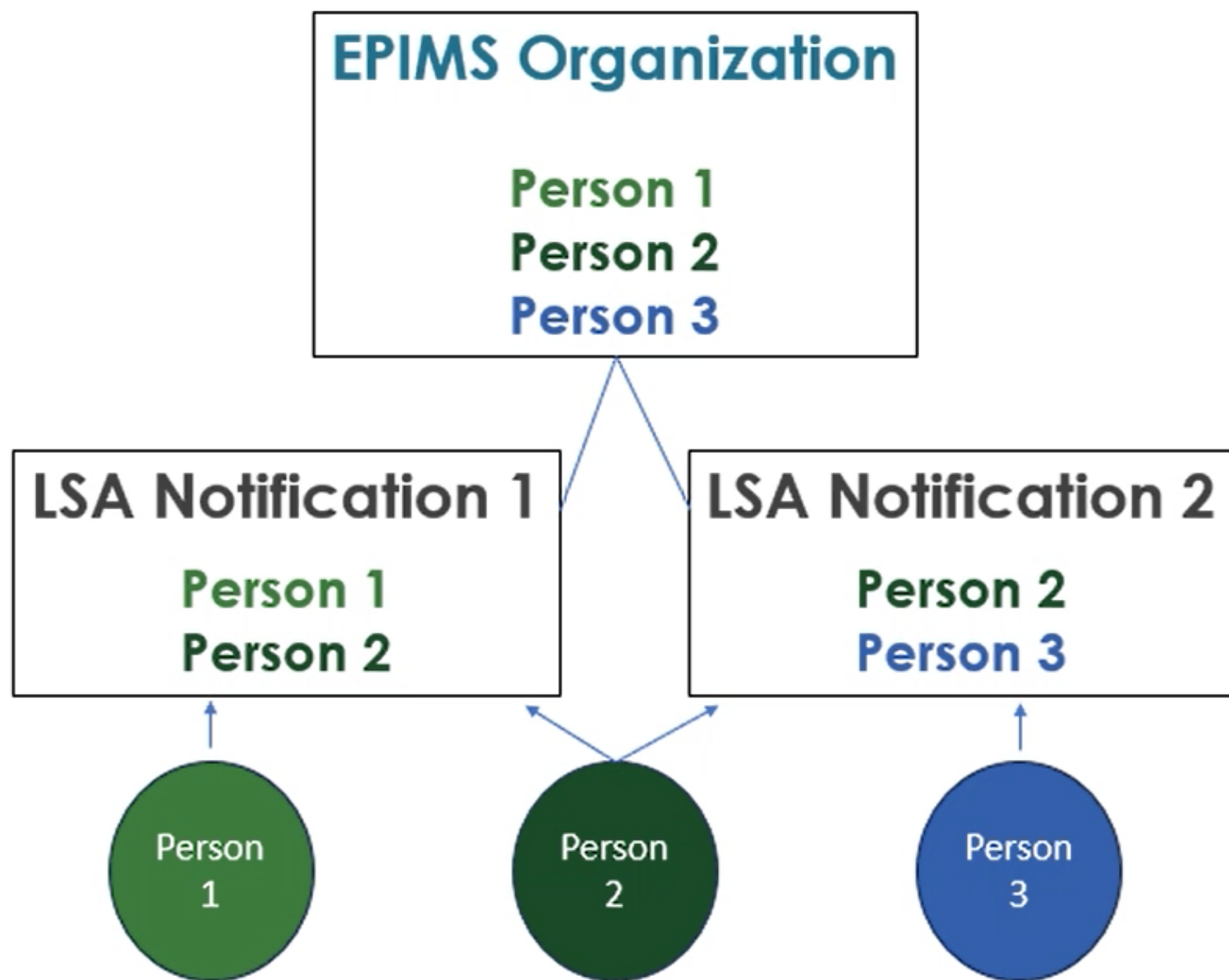
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Person 3

Person
1

Person
2

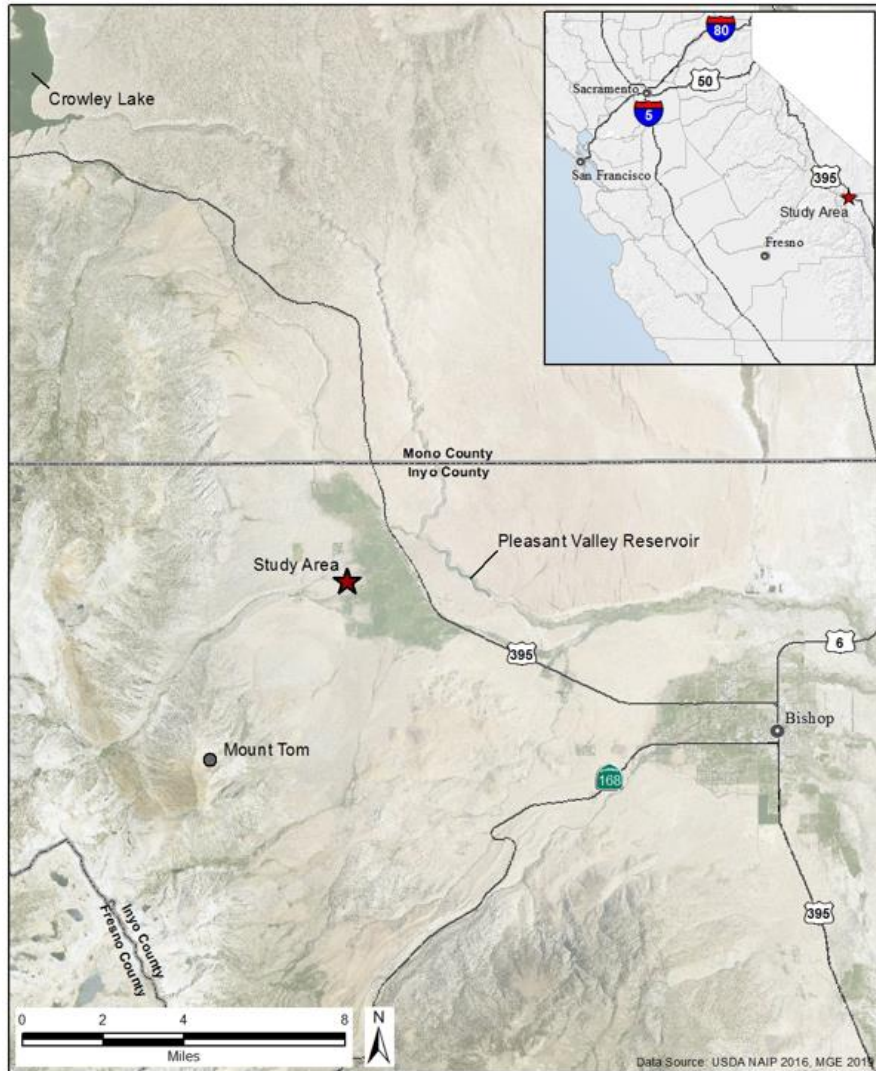
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Project Location and Category Overview



- Identify the project location
- Identify the project category/what type of work will be performed
- Identify what river, stream, or lake will be affected
- Identify the number of projects and repeat for each project

Project Location

Project Location

Save Row

"Project Name" used here refers to the activities (project) that are subject to the notification requirements in Fish and Game Code section 1602 and not the overall project identified previously in the General Information form. For example, if the project includes the construction of one bridge, one culvert, and road grading adjacent to a stream, this would constitute three projects.

You can name the bridge Smith Bridge as project one, Smith Culvert as project two, and Road Grading as project three. In this example, you would be required to fill out this section three times to identify each project. Refer to the [LSA Fee Schedule](#) for more information.

Project Name*:

Does the project site have a physical address?

Response*:

No ▾

If there is no street address:

- Provide a description of the location with reference to the nearest city or town.
- Provide driving directions from a major road or highway.
- Provide a map that marks the location of the project and denotes a north arrow and map scale in the "Documents and Maps" form.

Project Site Description*:

Character Limit: 500

GPS Coordinates*:

Latitude Minimum Requirement ##.#####

Longitude Minimum Requirement -###.#####

County*:

Yolo County ▾

Property APN*:

APN Format: 000-000-000-000 (Always ends in '000')

Project Category

Project Category*:

Work Type *:

Does this project address any of the following: hazardous fuels reduction, fuel breaks, wildfire prevention, vegetation treatment or vegetation management for fire management?

Response*:

Affected Body of Water

Provide the name of the stream or lake in or near where the project will occur. If the river, stream or lake is unnamed, please select "unnamed stream or lake" in the drop-down box. The following websites may assist you in identifying the name of the stream or lake in or near the project.

- [EPA Maps](#)
- [USGS The National Map](#)

Disclaimer – CDFW cannot and does not portray the links provided above as an exhaustive and comprehensive inventory of all river, streams, or lakes statewide. Field verification will always be an important obligation of the applicant.

River, Stream, or Lake Affected*:

Searchable List: this is a very large list, click once and wait 2-3 seconds to let the drop-down open.

Waterbody Tributary*:

Searchable List: this is a very large list, click once and wait 2-3 seconds to let the drop-down open.

Will water be present during the proposed work period in the river, stream, or lake?

Water Present during Work Period:

Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (WSRA)

Is the river or stream segment affected by the project listed in the state or federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Acts? The State Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (WSRA) is codified at Public Resources Code section 5093.50 et seq. and can be found at [California Wild and Scenic Rivers Act](#).

If the project is located within a segment of a river or stream that is listed in the State or federal WSRA, CDFW cannot approve the proposed project unless it is consistent with the act(s).

Wild and Scenic Rivers?*:

Project Location and Category - Current Version

Instructions:

1. Click "Add Row" and complete all required and applicable information.
2. Click "Save Form".
 - Repeat steps 1 and 2 to include multiple projects.
3. Once all information has been added, click "Mark as Complete."

Please complete all fields that are marked with red text and a red asterisk (*) before submitting the notification.

For detailed instructions, click "Online Help"

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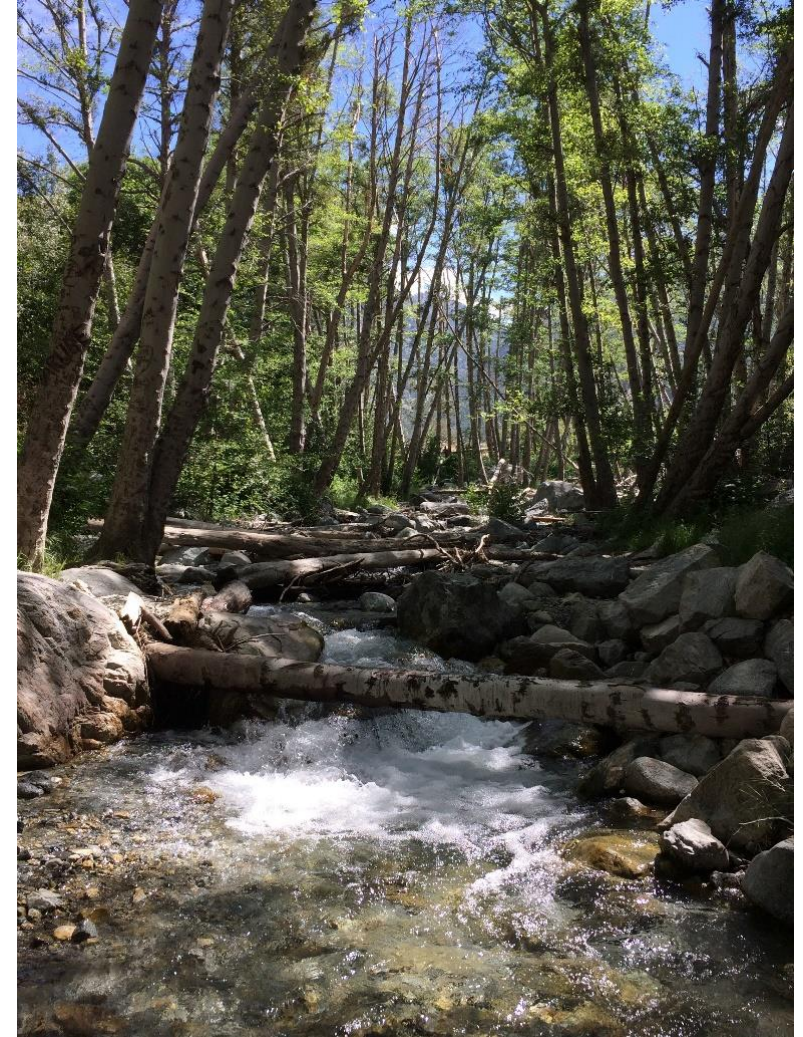
Multiple Projects Affecting One Stream

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Fees Schedule		
Acknowledgement and Signature		-

Project Description, Term, and Impacts Overview

- Provide a detailed project description
- Identify the specific timeframe in which work may occur – include entire project term and any seasonal work periods
- Identify all impacts and specify if they are temporary or permanent
- Identify impacts by habitat type
- Identify special status species that could be impacted



Project Description and Details

Project Description and Details

Is the 'Property Owner' the same person as the 'Applicant Proposing Project'?

Response*:

Include all of the following:

- Include any structures (e.g., rip-rap, culverts) that will be placed or modified in or near the stream, river, or lake, and any channel clearing.
- Specify volume, and dimensions of all materials and features (e.g., rip-rap fields) that will be used or installed.
- If water will be diverted or extracted, specify the purpose or use.
- Describe both permanent and temporary impacts to the channel and/or riparian habitat.

On the "Documents and Maps" form, attach photographs of the project location(s) and immediate surrounding area. Include diagrams, drawings, plans, and

- Site specific construction details.
- Dimensions of each structure and/or extent of each activity in the bed, channel, bank or floodplain.
- Overview of the entire project area (i.e., "bird's-eye view") showing the location of each structure and activity, significant area features, stockpile areas
- Where the equipment/machinery will access the project area.

Describe the Project in Detail*:

What makes a detailed project description?

- Step-by-step walkthrough
- Comprehensive and specific
- Describe all activities
- Provide page numbers and document names if referencing supplemental material
- Identify what equipment will be used

Project Term

Project Term

Will you be conducting work in more than one calendar year?
If you select **yes** to this question, please ensure that in the following section titled "Seasonal Work Period" that you enter work periods for **EVERY** year of the project (e.g., if you will have work periods over 3 calendar years, you will have days entered in Work Period #1, Work Period #2, and Work Period #3).

Response*:

Specify both the year the project activities will begin and the year the project activities will end. Be advised CDFW may restrict work within a stream or lake to the dry season of the year. Consequently, you may want to include more than one season of possible operation in your project proposal.

Beginning Year*:
YYYY

Ending Year*:
YYYY

Seasonal Work Period

Specify the time period you intend to work on the project (e.g., August 1 to October 15). If the work period will exceed one year, specify the work period for each year of the project (e.g., Work Period 1, February 10 to March 31; Work Period 2, August 1 to October 15; Work Period 3, February 10 to March 31; etc.). CDFW may restrict project work to certain periods depending on rainfall, fish migration, wildlife breeding or nesting season, or other resource concerns. Specify the estimated number of days of actual work days for each seasonal work period.

NOTE: If your project has more that five seasonal work periods, include document identifying the additional work periods in the "Documents and Maps" form.

Work Period #1*:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
	Beginning Date	Ending Date	Number of Work Days
Work Period #2:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
	Beginning Date	Ending Date	Number of Work Days
Work Period #3:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
	Beginning Date	Ending Date	Number of Work Days
Work Period #4:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
	Beginning Date	Ending Date	Number of Work Days
Work Period #5:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
	Beginning Date	Ending Date	Number of Work Days

 Save Form

Conducting work in more than one calendar year

Beginning Year*:

2025

YYYY

Ending Year*:

2028

YYYY

Work Period #1*:	02/14/2025	03/25/2025	30
	Beginning Date	Ending Date	Number of Work Days
Work Period #2:	08/01/2026	10/15/2026	15
	Beginning Date	Ending Date	Number of Work Days
Work Period #3:	02/14/2027	04/11/2027	26
	Beginning Date	Ending Date	Number of Work Days
Work Period #4:			0
	Beginning Date	Ending Date	Number of Work Days
Work Period #5:			0
	Beginning Date	Ending Date	Number of Work Days

Example 2

Beginning Year*:

2025

YYYY

Ending Year*:

2028

YYYY

Work Period #1*:

02/24/2025

Beginning Date

03/25/2025

Ending Date

30

Number of Work Days

Work Period #2:

02/24/2026

Beginning Date

03/25/2026

Ending Date

30

Number of Work Days

Work Period #3:

02/24/2027

Beginning Date

03/25/2027

Ending Date

30

Number of Work Days

Work Period #4:

02/24/2028

Beginning Date

03/25/2028

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Number of Work Days

Work Period #5:

Beginning Date

Ending Date

0

Number of Work Days

Project Impacts

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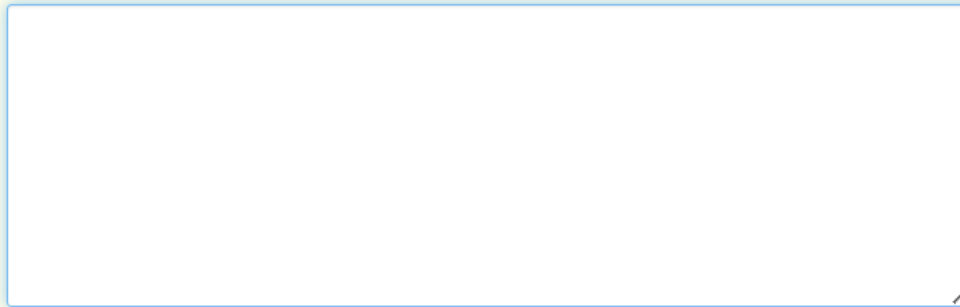
Impacts to River, Stream, or Lake

Describe any foreseeable impacts (permanent or temporary) to the flow, bed, channel and bank of the river, stream, or lake.

Quantify the effects and impacts in the project vicinity by noting the type, volume, and dimensions of material displaced through grading, trenching or other forms of site alteration. Also include any foreseeable impacts (permanent or temporary) to the riparian zone on or adjacent to the bank of the river, stream or lake.

The riparian zone is the area that surrounds a channel or lake and supports (or can support) vegetation that is dependent on surface or subsurface water. Include the effects of your project activity to this zone at least to the outer (landward) edge of the drip line of any dependent vegetation.

Describe Impacts*:



Character Limit: 10,000. If description is longer than 10,000 characters, please include as an attachment in the "Documents and Maps" form.

Impacts to Special Status Species

Will there be any foreseeable impacts to any special status animal or plant species, or habitat that could support such species, known to be present on or near the project site?

A special status species is an animal or plant species that meets any of the following criteria

- The species is listed or proposed for listing under the State or federal Endangered Species Act.
- The species is designated as rare under the State Native Plant Protection Act.
- The species is identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in a local, regional, State or federal list, plan, or policy.
- The species otherwise meets the definition of an endangered, rare, or threatened species under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section 15380 ([Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15380](#)).

Special Status Species?*

Y... ▼

List Each Species and Describe the Habitat*

Character Limit: 5,000

Identify the source(s) of information (e.g., biological surveys, [BIOS](#), environmental documents, etc.) that supports a “Yes” or “No” answer for the previous question. Provide web-link to document or attach the document in the Documents and Maps form.

Source(s)*:

Character Limit: 5,000

Impacts to Trees and Vegetation

Will the project affect any trees or vegetation?

Response*:

Y... ▼

Identify the type(s) of tree(s) or vegetation (i.e., trees such as oak, willow, or sycamore, and plant communities, such as salt marsh, freshwater marsh, wet meadow, willow thicket, riparian woodland, willow riparian woodland, desert wash woodland, riparian forest, oak riparian forest, redwood forest, riparian scrub, desert wash scrub, alkali sink scrub, oasis, vernal pool, bog, non-native, or ornamental) that will affected by the project. Include temporary and permanent impacts with linear feet and total acres.

If trees **greater than 2 inches in diameter at breast height** (dbh) and/or mature shrubs will be removed as part of the project, specify the estimated number and species (if available) to be removed, and the range of trunk diameters measured at breast height. Trees can be grouped into size classes (i.e., four oak trees approximately 10 to 20 inches dbh). Please attach a tree survey to the "Documents and Maps" form, if available.

If no trees or vegetation is being affected by this project, attach aerial photo with date supporting this determination in the "Documents and Maps" form.

Describe*:

Character Limit: 5,000

Save Form

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CEQA Requirements in the LSA Process

- Lead, Responsible, Trustee Agency Roles
- CDFW has jurisdiction over natural resources affected by a project
- CDFW is responsible for a portion of the Lead Agency's project, when an LSA Agreement is issued

Notice of Determination

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95814

County Clerk, County of Los Angeles
Environmental Filing
12400 E. Imperial Highway, Rm 2001
Norwalk, CA 90650

County Clerk, County of Kern
Environmental Filing
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

From: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
Environmental Planning and Assessment
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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LOS ANGELES, COUNTY CLERK

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number: 2008041038

Project Title: Barren Ridge Renewable Transmission Line Project

Lead Agency Contact Person: Nadia Parker, (213) 367-1745

Project Location: The Barren Ridge Renewable Transmission Project spans a distance of approximately 75 miles from the Mojave Desert south to the San Fernando Valley. The project is located within northwestern Los Angeles County and southwestern Kern County. The project originates approximately 14 miles north of the town of Mojave and traverses through the Antelope Valley, across Angeles National Forest, and public lands located in the Mojave Desert.

Project Description: The project consist of the following five Project components: 1) Expanding existing Barren Ridge Switching Station; 2) Constructing a new switching station in Haskell Canyon; 3) Constructing 61 miles of a new 230 kilovolt (kV) double-circuit transmission line from the LADWP Barren Ridge Switching Station to Haskell Canyon; 4) Reconductoring 76 miles of the existing Barren Ridge – Rinaldi (BR-RIN) 230 kV transmission line with larger-capacity conductors between the Barren Ridge Switching Station and the Rinaldi Substation; and 5) Adding 12 miles of a new 230 kV circuit on the existing double-circuit structures from Haskell Canyon to the Castaic Power Plant.

This is to advise that the City of Los Angeles Board of Water and Power Commissioners has approved the above described Project on September 18, 2012 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The Project ☒ will ☐ will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☒ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this Project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. ☐ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this Project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures ☒ were ☐ were not made a condition of the approval of the Project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan ☒ was ☐ was not adopted for this Project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations ☒ was ☐ was not adopted for this Project.
6. Findings ☒ were ☐ were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the general public at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power at 111 North Hope Street, Room 1044, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Signature: Charles C. Holloway
Charles Holloway,
Manager of Environmental Planning & Assessment

Date: 9/19/2012

Date received for filing at OPR:

CEQA

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

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Has a CEQA lead Agency been determined?

Before identifying CDFW as the CEQA lead agency, please obtain approval from the CDFW regional office covering the project area.

Yes ▼

*:

CEQA Lead Agency*:

This is a large list, click once and wait 2-5 seconds to let the drop-down open.

Agency Contact Person*:

Email:

Phone Number*:

Has a CEQA document been prepared for the project pursuant to CEQA?

CEQA Document*:

Has a CEQA filing fee been paid pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 711.4?*


Pursuant to [Fish and Game Code section 711.4](#), you must pay a CEQA filing fee to the CEQA lead agency if an environmental document has been prepared for the project, unless the project is exempt from the fee.


The filing fee is in addition to the notification fee and any other CDFW fees that apply to the project. If a CEQA filing fee is required, the LSA Agreement may not be finalized until paid. Filing fee information is available at [CEQA Environmental Document Filing Fees](#).

CEQA Filing Fee:

If Yes, attach copy of the CEQA Filing fee receipt in the Documents and Maps form.

NEPA (if applicable)

 **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**



Has a draft or final document been prepared for the project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)?

Draft or Final Document*:

If Yes, attach a copy of the document in the Documents and Maps form.


Type*:

Categorical Exclusion

Environmental Assessment (EA)

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)



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Measures to Protect Fish, Wildlife, and Plant Resources Overview

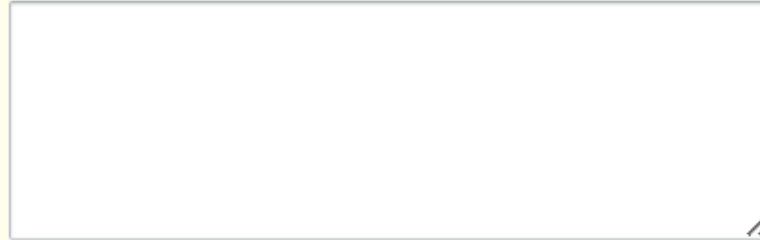


- Describe any specific measures to address sedimentation and erosion
- Describe any specific measures to avoid, lessen, or minimize impacts to biological resources
- Describe any proposed mitigation

Measures to Protect Fish, Wildlife, and Plant Resources

Describe the methods or techniques that will be used to prevent sediment from entering any watercourses during and after construction. If you are unsure of which methods or techniques to prevent erosion would best minimize impacts, indicate "unknown", if available, in the "Documents and Maps" form.

Sediment/Erosion Control*:



Character Limit: 5,000

Describe any measures that will be incorporated into the project to avoid or minimize impacts to fish, wildlife, and plant resources. If you are unsure of which measures would best minimize impacts at the project site, indicate "unknown", if available, in the "Documents and Maps" form.

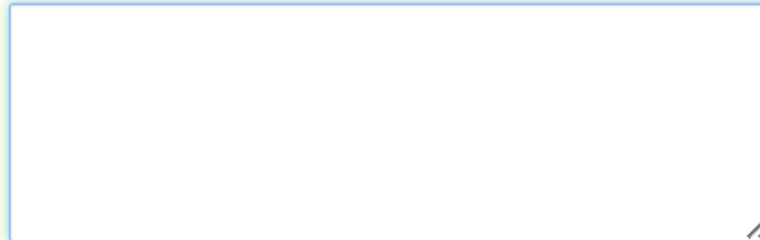
Avoidance/Minimization Measures*:



Character Limit: 5,000

Describe all measures that will be incorporated into the project to provide mitigation or compensation for impacts to fish, wildlife, and plant resources. If you are unsure of which measures would best provide mitigation or compensation, indicate "unknown", if available, in the "Documents and Maps" form.

Mitigation/Compensation Measures*:



Character Limit: 5,000

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Prior Notification and Permits

Prior Notifications and/or Agreements - Multi-List

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Identify any notification previously submitted to, or Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement previously issued by, CDFW for the project described in this notification. Include a copy of the previously submitted notification and/or agreement in the "Documents and Maps" form.

Name of Applicant	Last Name	Notification Number	Date
test	test	test	10/16/2024

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Prior Orders, Notice, and/or Violations - Multi-List

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If this notification is being submitted in response to a court or administrative order or notice, or a notice of violation issued by CDFW, complete this section for each order, notice, or violation. Include a copy of each order, notice, or violation in the "Document and Maps" form.

Note: If the notification is being submitted in response to a court or administrative order or notice, and CDFW determines that an agreement is required, the measures CDFW includes in a draft agreement will not be subject to arbitration ([Fish & G. Code, § 1614](#)).

Person who Directed you to Submit	Last Name	Agency that Directed you to Submit	Describe Circumstances
No Data for Table			

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Local, State, and/or Federal Permits - Multi-List

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List any local, state, and/or federal permits required for the project and mark whether applied or issued. Include a copy of each permit that has been issued in the "Documents and Maps" form. You are responsible for obtaining all necessary permits and authorizations from CDFW and other agencies before beginning any project described in the notification.

Examples include: a grading permit by the county, authorization by CDFW, USFWS, NMFS to take a listed species, or "section 404" permit the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Permit Name	Permit Type	Applied/Issued	Date Issued/Applied*
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Documents and Maps

Include any:

- Relevant supplemental documents to the Notification
- Biological studies
- Technical studies
- Delineations
- Other permits



Maps and Photos

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Attach map(s) that marks the location(s) of each project for which you are notifying and denote a north arrow and map scale.

- Include map(s) that mark the location of the project(s) with a reference to the nearest city or town, and provide driving directions from a major road or highway.
- Attach any photographs or other materials that would assist CDFW in determining impacts to a river, stream, lake, or springs.
- Accepted File Types: .doc, .docx, .xls, .xlsx, .msg, .pdf, .rtf, .txt, .jpg, .tif, .tiff, .png, .gif, .bmp

IMPORTANT: IF NO MAP IS INCLUDED, OR THE MAP DOES NOT PROVIDE ENOUGH INFORMATION TO ALLOW A PERSON NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE AREA TO FIND THE PROJECT SITE, CDFW MAY DETERMINE YOUR NOTIFICATION INCOMPLETE.

[Click Here for Tips to Create a Quality Map](#)

Project Site Map*:

Date Uploaded*:

Date Uploaded

Project Aerial View Map*:

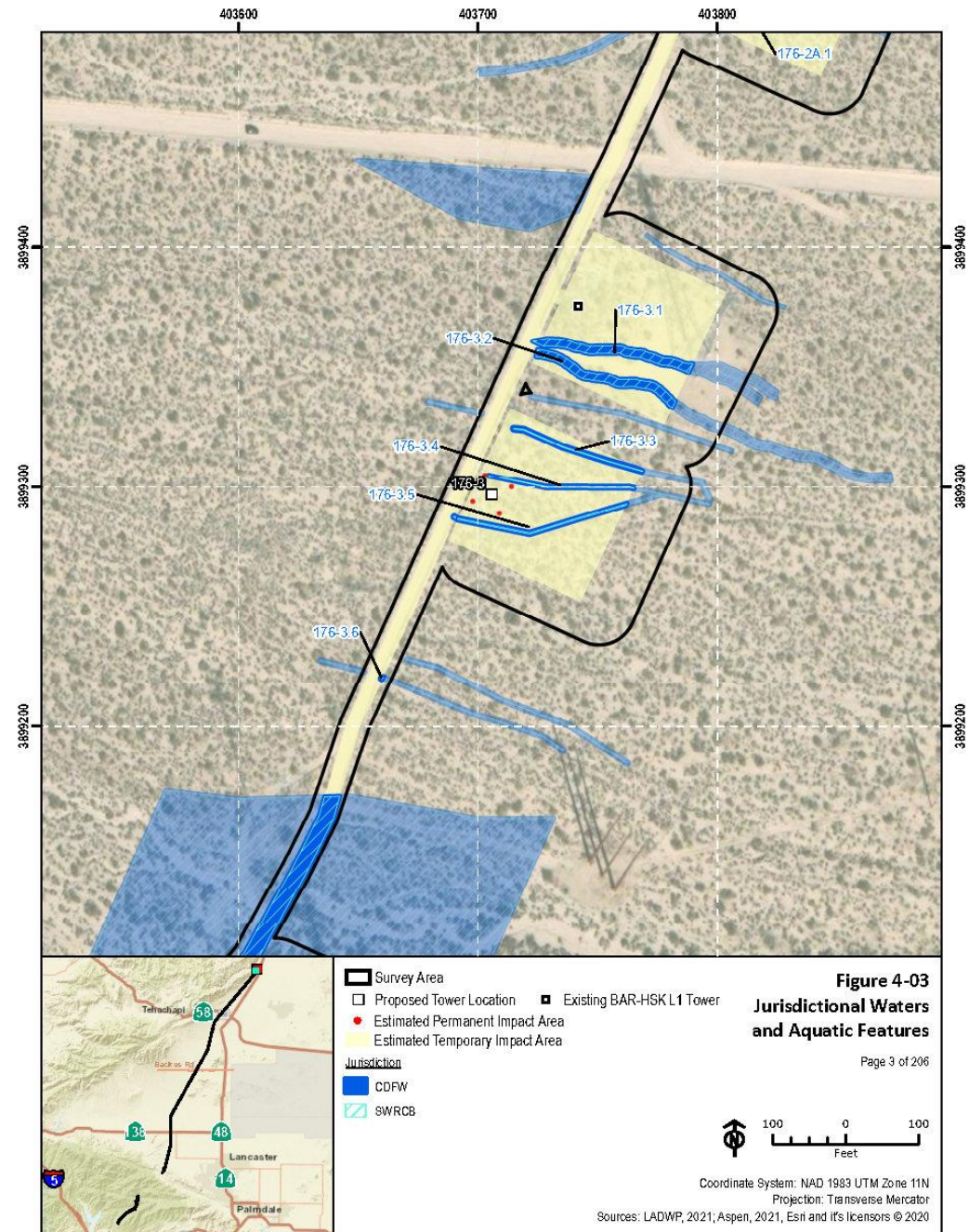
Date Uploaded*:

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Project Site Photo(s)*:

Date Uploaded*:

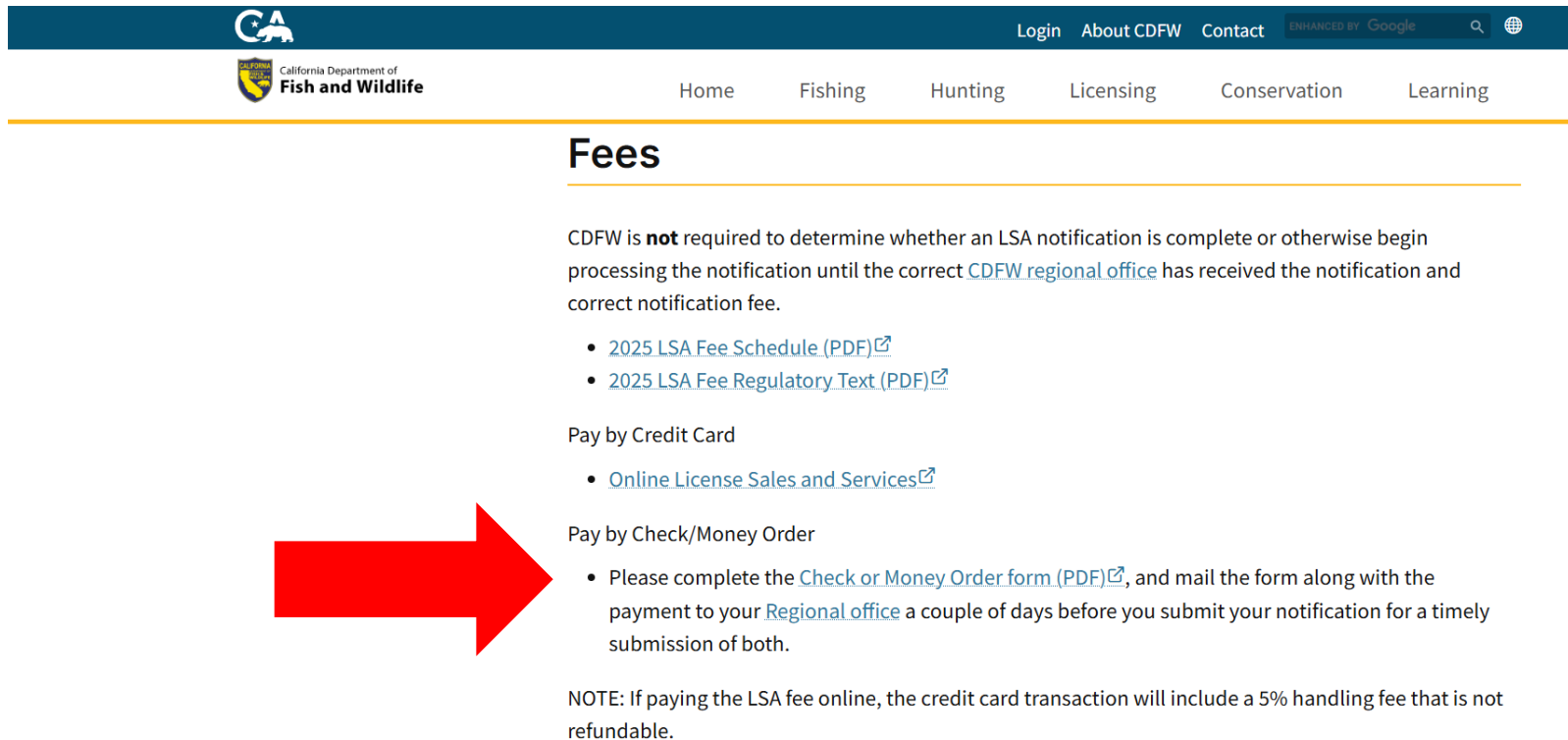
Project Area Map Example



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Fee Schedule Overview



The screenshot shows the website header with the CDFW logo and navigation links: Home, Fishing, Hunting, Licensing, Conservation, and Learning. The 'Fees' section is highlighted, containing information about LSA notification fees and links to the 2025 LSA Fee Schedule and Regulatory Text. It also details payment methods: Credit Card (with a link to Online License Sales and Services) and Check/Money Order (with instructions to complete a form and mail it). A red arrow points to the Check/Money Order section. A note at the bottom states that online LSA fees include a 5% handling fee.

Fees

CDFW is **not** required to determine whether an LSA notification is complete or otherwise begin processing the notification until the correct [CDFW regional office](#) has received the notification and correct notification fee.

- [2025 LSA Fee Schedule \(PDF\)](#)
- [2025 LSA Fee Regulatory Text \(PDF\)](#)

Pay by Credit Card

- [Online License Sales and Services](#)

Pay by Check/Money Order

- Please complete the [Check or Money Order form \(PDF\)](#), and mail the form along with the payment to your [Regional office](#) a couple of days before you submit your notification for a timely submission of both.

NOTE: If paying the LSA fee online, the credit card transaction will include a 5% handling fee that is not refundable.

- Provide payment via credit card or check
- Fees provided by check should be mailed to the correct Regional Office

Fees and 'Projects'

Fees correspond to each 'project' ([Cal. Code of Regs. §699.5](#))

A project can be one or more activities:

A) One activity

Example: Installation of a culvert at one location

B) Two or more activities

- Interrelated
- Could affect similar fish and wildlife resources

Example: Remove vegetation, install abutments, and de-watering at one location



Not one "Project:" Three bridges at three different locations.

This is three projects, even if bridges access the same place

Regular Term Notification Fees

 Save Row

- Click "Add Row" if notifying for a Regular Term Agreement (5 years or less).
- If you are not notifying for a regular term agreement, do not complete this section.
- CDFW will not process this notification until all fees have been received.

Select the Project Name previously entered in the "Project Location and Category" form.

Project Name*:

Select an ... ▼

For the purposes of calculating the notification fee, "Project Cost Range" refers only to the project name identified above (i.e., subject to the notification requirements in Fish and Game Code section 1602), and not the overall project.

Project Cost Range*:

Select an Option ▼

Project costs include, but are not limited to, the cost of all investigations, surveys, designs, labor, and materials required to complete the project. The project costs are intended to be primarily the costs associated with the construction and operation of actual project itself. These elements include labor, equipment, permanent materials, supplies, subcontracts (e.g., engineering surveys and investigations), overhead, and miscellaneous costs. An element not intended to be include the project cost are costs associated with other agency permits or licenses, mitigation, and CEQA or NEPA compliance.

Actual Project Cost*:

\$0

Project Fee:

Select the Project Name previously entered in the "Project Location and Category" form.

Project Name*:

Select an ... ▲

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Project Cost Range*:

Select an Option ▲

< \$5,000

\$5,000 to less than \$10,000

\$10,000 to less than \$25,000

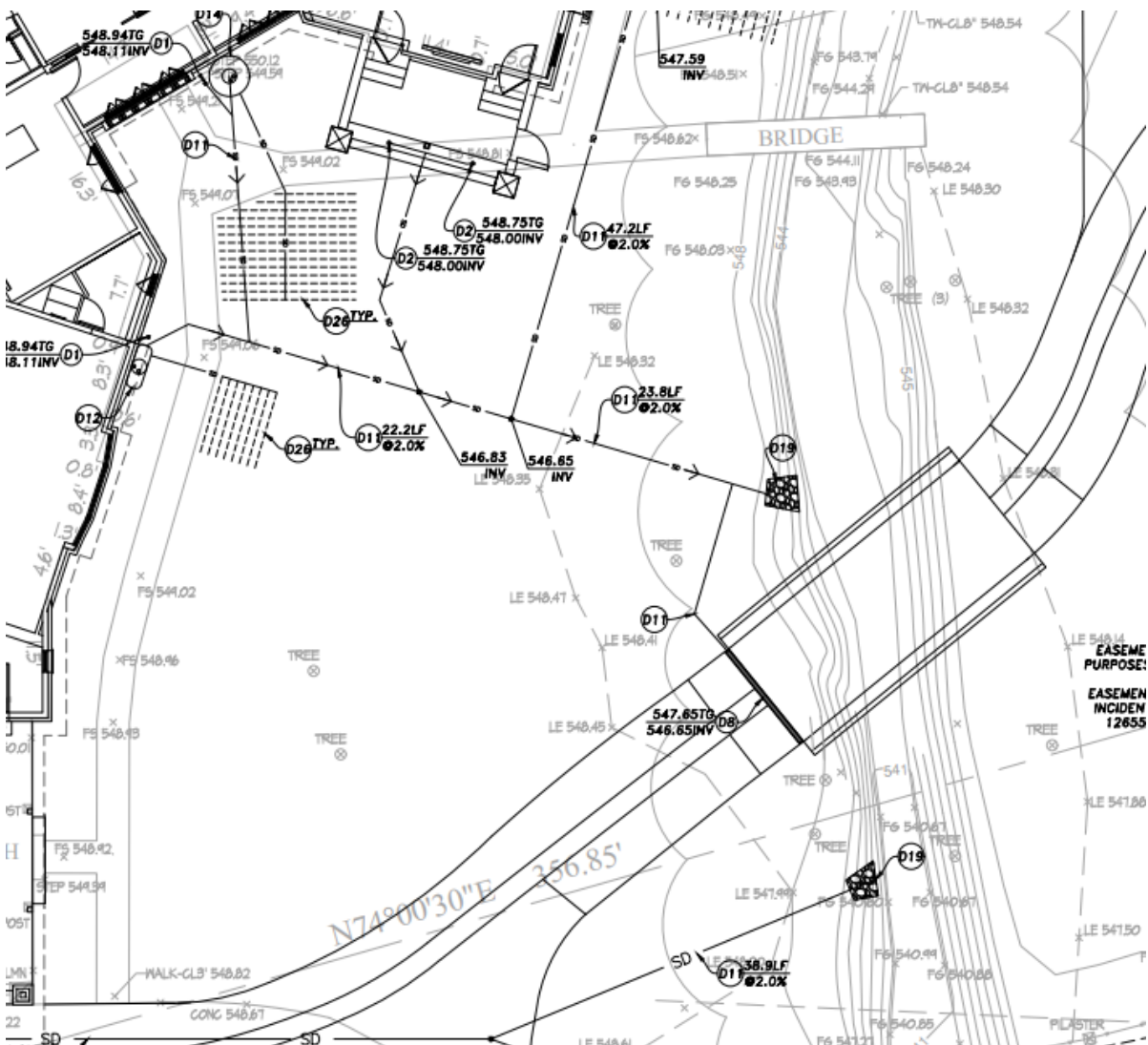
\$25,000 to less than \$100,000

\$100,000 to less than \$200,000

\$200,000 to less than \$350,000

\$350,000 or more

Example Fee Breakdown for a Project



Project Name	Project Cost Range
Driveway	\$10,000 to less than \$25,000
Energy Dissipater #1	\$5,000 to less than \$10,000
Energy Dissipater #2	\$5,000 to less than \$10,000

Actual Project Cost	Project Fee
\$24,000.00	\$1,882.25
\$8,000.00	\$942.75
\$6,500.00	\$942.75
	\$3,767.75

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Acknowledgment and Signature

- Only the Applicant or the Designated Representative can sign!

Concurrence

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I am the applicant, or I have the authority to sign for the applicant. By my signature, I accept and agree to comply with all provisions contained herein.

I am the applicant or I have the authority to sign for the applicant. By my signature, I accept and agree to comply with all the provisions contained herein.

Final Agreement

Effective Date:

Permittee

Electronic

Signature:

First and Last Name

Date Signed:

Mark as Complete

Component	Complete?	Last Edited
General Information	✓	Mar 12, 2025 1:48 PM
Project Location and Category	✓	Oct 11, 2024 8:42 AM
Project Description, Term, and Impacts	✓	Oct 11, 2024 8:48 AM
Environmental Review	✓	Oct 11, 2024 8:50 AM
Measures to Protect Fish, Wildlife, and Plant Resources	✓	Oct 11, 2024 8:50 AM
Prior Notification, Orders, and Permits	✓	Oct 11, 2024 8:52 AM
Documents and Maps	✓	Oct 11, 2024 8:54 AM
Fees Schedule	✓	Jan 30, 2025 11:10 AM
Acknowledgement and Signature	✓	Oct 11, 2024 9:01 AM

Response Letters

- Notification Fee Required Letter
- Insufficient Fee Letter
- Incomplete Letter



Response to Incomplete



- Use CDFW letter as guide—be sure to address EVERY issue identified in the letter
- Be detailed
- Respond through EPIMS
- Provide supporting information

Pathways after Notification is Complete



CDFW has 60 days to issue a:

- Draft Agreement

OR


- Operation of Law (OpLaw)
- No Agreement Needed
- Notification Not Required

Draft Agreement Response Timeline

- An Applicant has **30 days** from issuance to acknowledge receipt of the draft Agreement
- An Applicant has **90 days** from issuance to respond to CDFW in writing regarding the measures in the draft Agreement
- CDFW does not have deadline to respond to proposed revisions



Responding to the Draft Agreement

 **CDFW Draft Agreement** - Multi-List

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Click on the blue hyperlink for the document that was recently uploaded.

Date Uploaded	File name	Document
05/24/2025	EPIMS-SAC-54862-Draft Agreement_Version 1.pdf	EPIMS-SAC-54862-R2_Draft Agreement_Version 1.pdf

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 **Permittee Response** - Multi-List

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After reviewing the most recent version of the Draft Agreement, complete the following steps according to the response type:

If you **agree** with all sections of the Draft Agreement:

1. In the Permittee Response section, click "Add Row".
2. Enter the date you are responding.
3. For the "Draft Agreement Section" drop-down, select "N/A - Permittee Agrees".
4. In the "Response" box, enter "Permittee agrees with Draft Agreement version and has nothing further to add".
5. Click "Save Row".
6. Click "Mark as Complete".
7. Click "Submit Component".

Agree with Draft Agreement as Written

Permittee Response

 Delete Row

 Save Row

Date *:

05/24/2025

Draft Agreement Section*:

N/A - Permittee Agrees

Response*:

[illegible]

Permittee agrees with Draft Agreement version and has nothing further to add.

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Character Limit: 5,000

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Permittee Response

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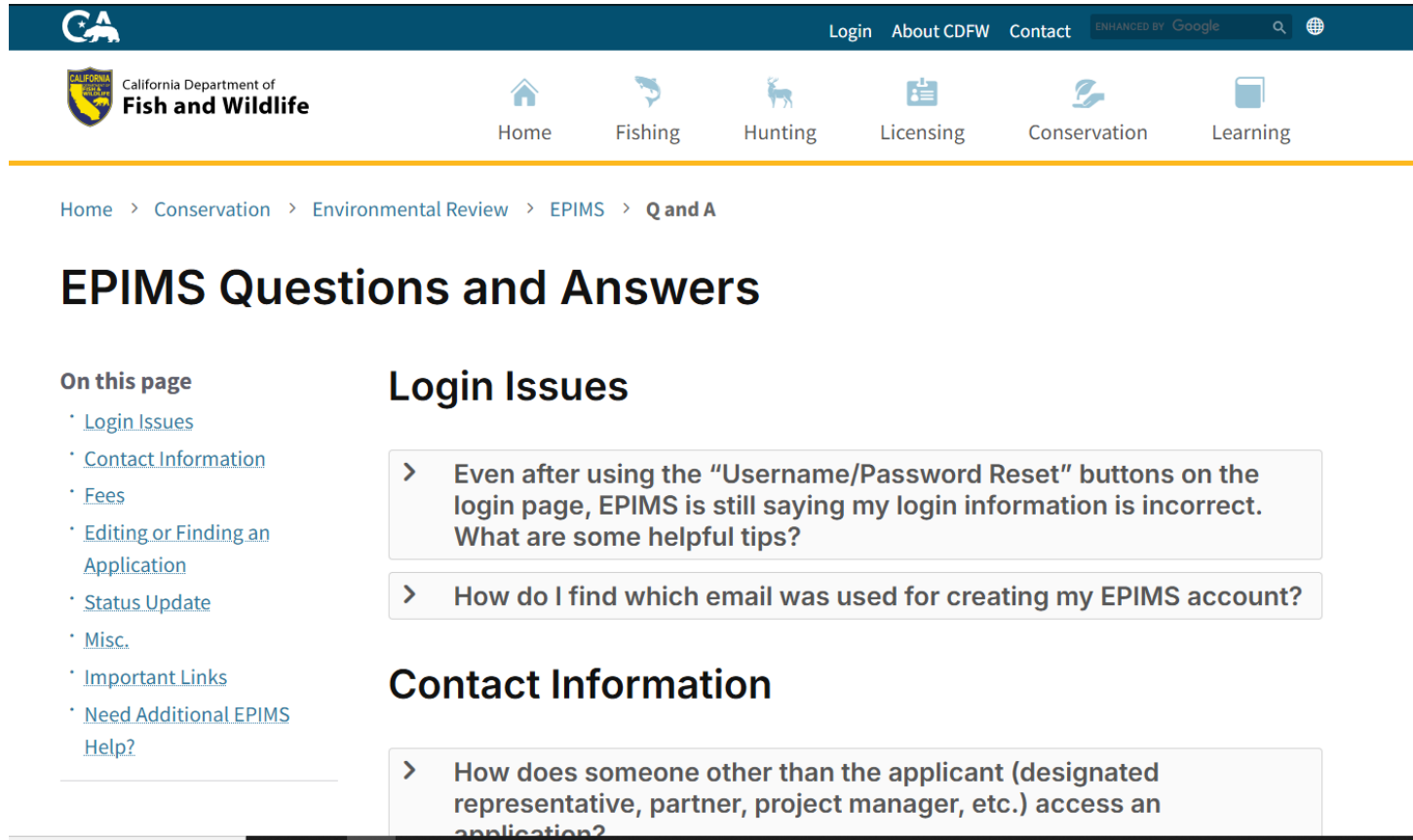
Measure Number*: 4.3

Response*:

Do not agree with the annual reporting and surveys for nesting birds.

Paragraphs: 1, Words: 12, Characters (with HTML): 83

Resources to Facilitate Notification Process



The screenshot shows the California Department of Fish and Wildlife website. The header includes the department logo, navigation links (Home, Fishing, Hunting, Licensing, Conservation, Learning), and a search bar. The breadcrumb trail is: Home > Conservation > Environmental Review > EPIMS > Q and A. The main heading is "EPIMS Questions and Answers". On the left, under "On this page", are links for Login Issues, Contact Information, Fees, Editing or Finding an Application, Status Update, Misc., Important Links, and Need Additional EPIMS Help?. The main content area has two sections: "Login Issues" with two questions and "Contact Information" with one question.

On this page

- [Login Issues](#)
- [Contact Information](#)
- [Fees](#)
- [Editing or Finding an Application](#)
- [Status Update](#)
- [Misc.](#)
- [Important Links](#)
- [Need Additional EPIMS Help?](#)

EPIMS Questions and Answers

Login Issues

- > Even after using the "Username/Password Reset" buttons on the login page, EPIMS is still saying my login information is incorrect. What are some helpful tips?
- > How do I find which email was used for creating my EPIMS account?

Contact Information

- > How does someone other than the applicant (designated representative, partner, project manager, etc.) access an application?

- Frequently Asked Questions (EPIMS)
- EPIMS Help
- Other Resources: Videos and Quick Start Guides





EPIMS Help

Knowledgebase



1.0 Introduction

Materials to help you navigate EPIMS including: important things to know for using EPIMS, quick start guides, video tutorials, notification requirements, and links to relevant laws and regulations.



2.0 Left Navigation Panel

Description of links available in the left navigation panel of EPIMS.



3.0 Instructions for Submitting a Notification

Instructions for submitting a new Lake or Streambed Alteration notification.

Video Tutorials



[EPIMS Help / 1.0](#)
[Introduction / Welcome to](#)
[EPIMS / Video Tutorials](#)

Quick Start Guides

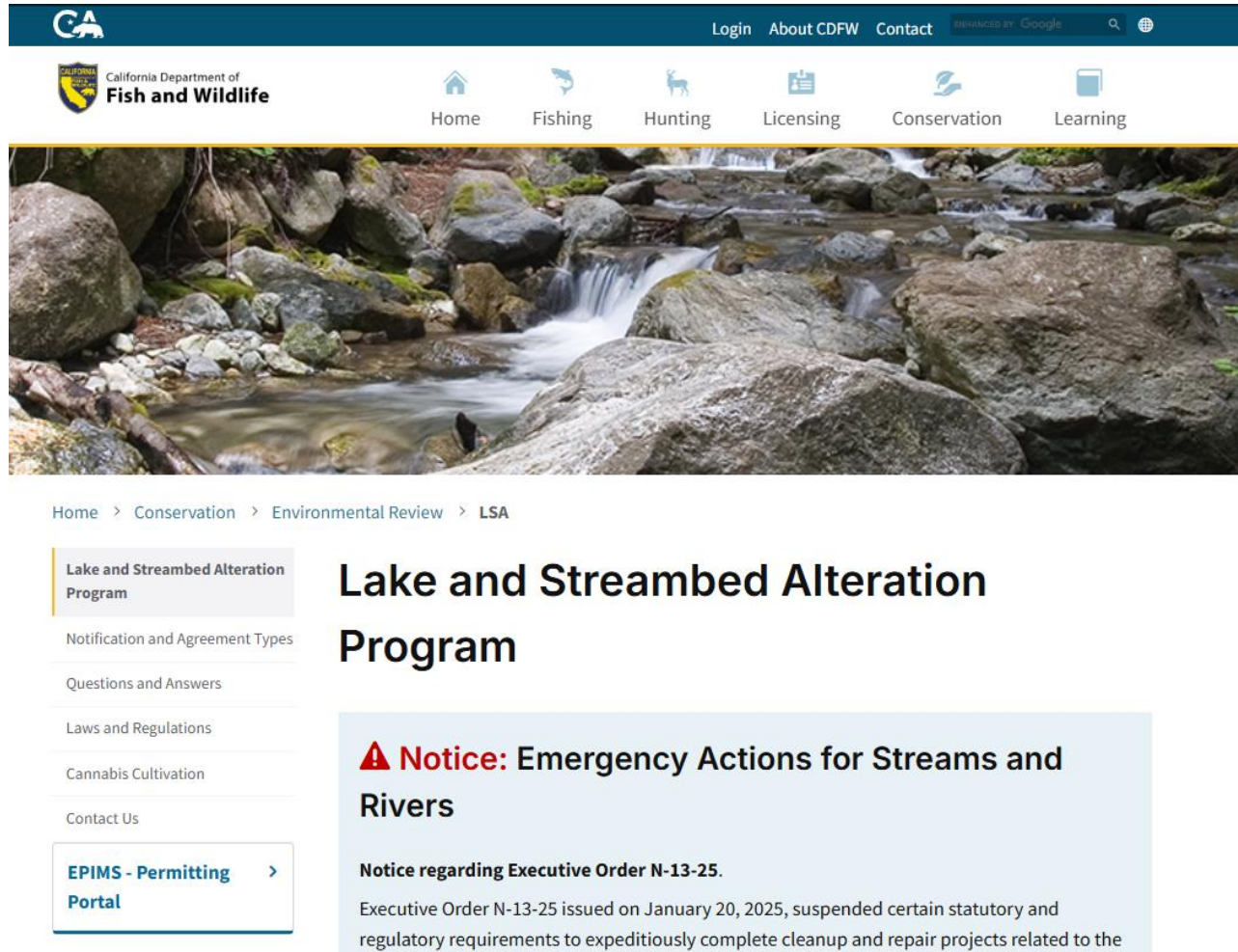
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NOTIFICATION INFORMATION CHECKLIST NOTIFY FOR STANDARD AGREEMENT (CANNABIS AND NON-CANNABIS)	
Registering for a User Account in EPIMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any individual can be a registered user. If the registered user is applying on behalf of an organization, that organization can be created/associated with the individual user account during the registration process. Consultants can register for User Accounts and may be added to their client's organization. Register for only one user account.
Steps to Register	<p>NOTE: Internet Explorer and Apple IOS are not fully compatible with EPIMS. CDFW recommends using Chrome web browser.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Navigate to the EPIMS Log-in page. Click "Click Here to Register." On the Registration page: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Fill in all required fields in the "Personal Contact Information" section. Fill in all required fields in the "Organization Information" section if you are affiliated with an organization. <p>IMPORTANT: Do not use all capital letters or abbreviations when completing this form.</p> Click "Save Registration Information" and you will receive confirmation, as well as an email. Your user registration will be reviewed for completion and approved by CDFW. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Once approved, you will receive two emails. One will contain your temporary password and the other will have your User ID.
Logging into EPIMS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> When you have received your User ID and temporary password, log in to EPIMS. When logging in for the first time, you will be prompted to change your temporary password. Enter your new password, and confirm, then click Save in the toolbar. IMPORTANT: Use the "Back" icon, in the toolbar, when navigating within EPIMS. Once logged in, you will see the Menu along the left side panel. Once logged in, click "Online Help" at the top of the page and review the Help Menu window for detailed instructions and information.

[EPIMS Help / 1.0](#)
[Introduction / Welcome to](#)
[EPIMS / Quick Start Guides](#)

- Video tutorials guide user through the registration process to initial Notification submission
- The Quick Start Guides are checklists of all the required information on the Notification form in EPIMS.

Lake and Streambed Alteration Program Page



The screenshot shows the official website of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The header includes the department's logo and navigation links for Home, Fishing, Hunting, Licensing, Conservation, and Learning. A large banner image depicts a rocky stream with a small waterfall. Below the banner, a breadcrumb trail reads: Home > Conservation > Environmental Review > LSA. A left-hand sidebar lists various program topics, with 'Lake and Streambed Alteration Program' highlighted. The main content area features the title 'Lake and Streambed Alteration Program' and a prominent 'Notice' regarding Executive Order N-13-25, which addresses emergency actions for streams and rivers. The notice text states that the order, issued on January 20, 2025, suspends certain statutory and regulatory requirements to expedite cleanup and repair projects.

CA
California Department of
Fish and Wildlife

Home Fishing Hunting Licensing Conservation Learning

Home > Conservation > Environmental Review > LSA

Lake and Streambed Alteration Program

Notification and Agreement Types

Questions and Answers

Laws and Regulations

Cannabis Cultivation

Contact Us

EPIMS - Permitting Portal

Lake and Streambed Alteration Program

⚠ Notice: Emergency Actions for Streams and Rivers

Notice regarding Executive Order N-13-25.

Executive Order N-13-25 issued on January 20, 2025, suspended certain statutory and regulatory requirements to expeditiously complete cleanup and repair projects related to the

- General Overview
- Notification and Agreement Types
- Questions and Answers
- Laws and Regulations
- Fees



EPIMS Help

EPIMSHelp@Wildlife.ca.gov

- Adding additional contacts to a Notification
- Associating users with organizations
- Assisting with technical issues
- Connecting Applicants with their Environmental Scientist
- Help with forms
- Login assistance



Project/Site Related Questions

1 - Northern Region - *Inland*

Serving Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity counties.

601 Locust Street

Redding, CA 96001

(530) 225-2367

R1LSARedding@wildlife.ca.gov

1- Northern Region - *Coastal*

Serving Del Norte, Humboldt, and Mendocino counties.

619 Second Street

Eureka, CA 95501

(707) 441-2075

R1LSAEureka@wildlife.ca.gov

2 - North Central Region

Serving Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lake, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento*, San Joaquin*, Sierra, Sutter, Yolo*, and Yuba counties.

***Note:** Those portions of Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Yolo counties that are south of I-80 and west of I-5 are in Region 3. The balance of each county is in Region 2.

1701 Nimbus Road

Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

(916) 358-1163.

R2LSA@wildlife.ca.gov

3 - Bay Delta Region

Serving Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, Sacramento*, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, San Joaquin*, Solano, Sonoma, and Yolo* counties

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2825 Cordelia Road, Suite 100

Fairfield, CA 94534

(707) 428-2002

R3LSA@wildlife.ca.gov

4 - Central Region

Serving Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Stanislaus, Tulare and Tuolumne counties

1234 E. Shaw Avenue

Fresno, CA 93710

(559) 243-4593

R4LSA@wildlife.ca.gov

5 - South Coast Region

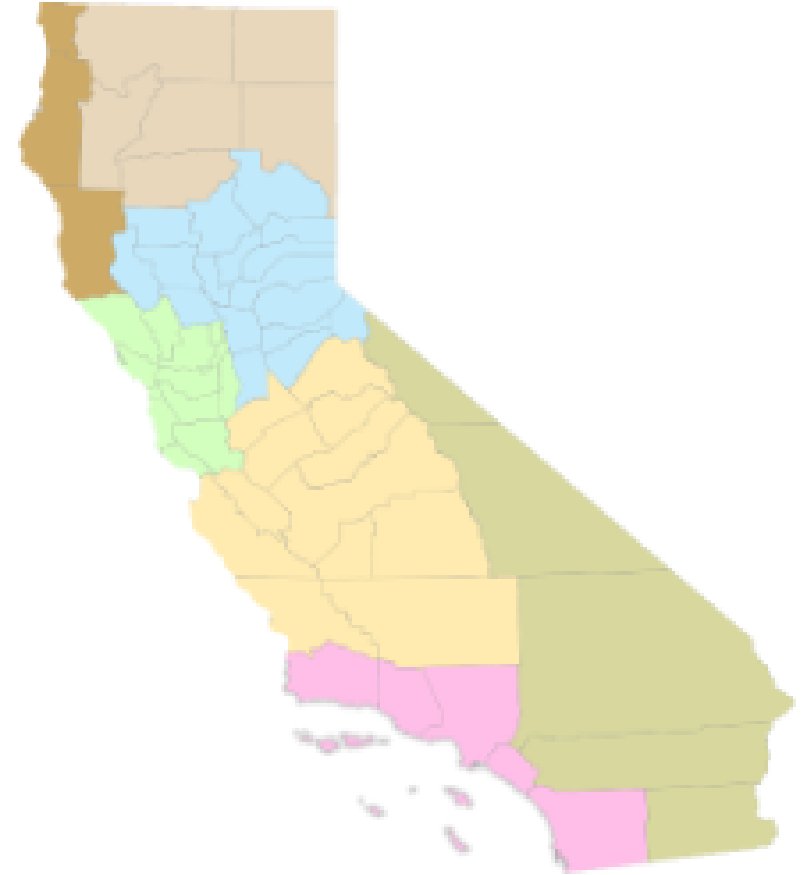
Serving Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties

3883 Ruffin Road

San Diego, CA 92123

(858) 636-3160

R5LakeandStreambed@wildlife.ca.gov



6 - Inland Deserts Region

Serving Imperial, Inyo, Mono, Riverside and San Bernardino counties

3602 Inland Empire Blvd.

Ontario, CA 91764

(909) 484-0523

R6LSA@wildlife.ca.gov

LSA and EPIMS Resources

- [LSA Program Page](#)
- [LSA Regional Contacts](#)
- [EPIMS Login](#)
- [EPIMS Help](#)
- [EPIMS Q&A](#)
- [Fish and Game Code §1600 et seq.](#)
- [LSA Fee Schedule](#)
- [CNDDB Plants and Animals](#)
- [CEQA](#)
- [CESA](#)

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