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May 20, 2016

VIA EMAIL & USPS

Tom Howard
Executive Director
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

Re: Water Right Application 30166 of El Sur Ranch, Big Sur River in Monterey County

Dear Mr. Howard:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a brief update regarding the ongoing negotiations between the water rights applicant, El Sur Ranch and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

While the negotiations are confidential, we wanted to jointly inform you that the parties are continuing their efforts to reach a mutually agreeable solution. Both parties have been working in the utmost of good faith and hope that a conclusion of the negotiations will be forthcoming.

We appreciate the patience of the Water Board in allowing the parties to continue to negotiate a resolution that will be in the best interests of all concerned. We again request that the Water Board hold in abeyance any further actions regarding this application until the parties are able to inform the Water Board whether or not they have reached a settlement.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact either of the undersigned.

Respectfully yours,

Dated: May 20, 2016



Tom Berliner
Attorney for El Sur Ranch

Dated: May 23, 2016



Kevin Takei
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Fish and Wildlife