April 5, 2013

Mr. Ren Lohoefener, Regional Director
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Sacramento, CA 95825

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Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office
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6010 Hidden Valley Road, Suite 101
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March 26, 2013

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