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INFORMATION HANDOUT

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
NOTIFICATION NO. 1600-2012-0020-R6**

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Subject: Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration No. 1600-2012-0020-R6
SR-18 Re-stripe and Widening Project

Dear Mr. Quinnell:

The Department of Fish and Game (Department) had until May 15, 2012 to submit a draft Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (Agreement) to you or inform you that an Agreement is not required for your project. The Department did not meet that date. As a result, by law, you may now complete the project described in your notification without an Agreement.

Please note that pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602(a)(4)(D), if you proceed with this project, it must be the same as described in the notification, and conducted in the same manner as specified in the notification. Any modifications to that notification must be received by the Department in writing. These modifications include completing the project within the proposed term and seasonal work period, and implementing all avoidance and mitigation measures to protect fish and wildlife resources specified in the notification. If the term proposed in your notification has expired, you will need to re-notify the Department before you may begin your project. Beginning or completing a project that differs in any way from the one described in the notification may constitute a violation of Fish and Game Code section 1602.

*Your notification proposes work within two unnamed roadside ditches tributary to Baldwin Lake, located at both sides of Big Tree Drive just north of the intersection State Route 18 (SR-18) and Big Tree Drive; in the City of Big Bear, County of San Bernardino. Your Project consists of widening SR-18 and restriping the intersection to provide a single median left turn lane. A total of 7 Jeffrey pines (*Pinus jeffreyi*) will be removed for the road widening. The new proposed shoulders will be 4 feet wide. An existing 45 feet long 18-inch corrugated steel pipe (CSP) located at the southbound shoulder immediately north of SR-18 will be replaced by a 2 ft x 1 ft reinforced concrete box (RCB) or equivalent CSP. An existing 50 ft long 4 ft wide asphalt v-ditch immediately north of existing CSP will be replaced with a same size concrete swale. Additionally the existing 50 ft long 4 ft wide v-ditch located at the northbound shoulder of Big Tree Drive immediately north of the SR-18 will be replaced with a 2 ft x 1 ft RCB or equivalent CSP that connects with the existing CSP under SR-18. The project will permanently impact a total of 0.0095 acres of unvegetated jurisdictional areas. You*

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have proposed the following avoidance and minimization measures during project construction: implementation of standard construction and storm water BMP's; avoidance of clearing and grubbing during the nesting bird season of February 15th and September 1st; if work needs to take place between February 15th and September 1st a qualified biologist will conduct a preconstruction survey for nesting birds and sensitive species within 24 hours prior to construction activities; if nesting birds are found onsite, then no construction will take place within a 100-foot radius. The proposed project term is May 15, 2013 to May 15, 2018.

Also note that while you are entitled to complete the project without an Agreement, you are still responsible for complying with other applicable local, state, and federal laws. These include, but are not limited to, the state and federal Endangered Species Acts and Fish and Game Code sections 5650 (water pollution) and 5901 (fish passage).

Finally, if you decide to proceed with your project without an Agreement, you must have a copy of this letter and your notification with all attachments available at all times at the work site. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Juan Lopez Torres at (909) 484-3979 or jtorres@dfg.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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