

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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US Fish and Wildlife Service
Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office
c/o: Michael Barkoski, Reality Office
2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2605
Sacramento, CA 95825

Dear Barkoski:

The State of California Department of Water Resources is proposing to implement the Yolo Bypass Salmonid Habitat Restoration and Fish Passage Project (Big Notch Project), which has been developed to improve fish passage and increase floodplain fisheries rearing habitat in the Yolo Bypass and the lower Sacramento River basin. The Big Notch Project will require flowage easements to be acquired over several properties.

Our records indicate that National Resources Conservation Service holds a conservation easement on property identified as Yolo County Assessor's Parcel No(s) 033-180-001, 033-180-008, and 033-180-020, also known as DWR Parcel No. YBSH-132. DWR Parcel No. YBSH-132 is owned by Glide In Ranch and is within the Big Notch Project area, and DWR is proposing to acquire a flowage easement (over the entire property, or over a portion of the property) in conjunction with the Big Notch Project. A copy of the right of way appraisal map depicting the DWR Parcel No. YBSH-132 containing your conservation easement is attached to this letter.

This project is needed because substantial changes have been made to the historical floodplain of California's Central Valley for water supply and flood control purposes. These activities have resulted in losses of rearing fish habitat, migration corridors, and food web production for fish, negatively affecting native fish species that rely on a floodplain habitat.

The restored habitat will support the growth of a healthy population of salmon and improve conditions for survival of the endangered Delta Smelt and Green Sturgeon native-fish species by improving migration pathways through the Sacramento River, the floodplains of the Yolo Bypass, and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

As part of DWR outreach activities, DWR and (Easement Holder) previously met to introduce the Project to (Easement Holder) on May 11th, 2021. Now that the Project is progressing into the land acquisition phase, DWR would like to discuss this specific proposed acquisition with you and any public agencies that funded, or required for

permitting, the conservation easement. In addition, you may submit written comments on the acquisition, including identifying any potential conflict between the public use proposed for the property and the purposes and terms of the conservation easement, to DWR at the P.O. Box 942836, Sacramento, CA 94236-0001, Attn: Jesus Cedeño, Associate Right of Way Agent, within 45 days from the date this notice.

As the easement holder, the California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1240.055 requires, under certain circumstances (see Code of Civil Procedure Section 1240.055(c)(2)[(A) and (B)]), that you do the following within 15 days of receipt of this notice:

(1) Forward a copy of this notice by first-class mail to each public entity that provided funds for the purchase of the easement or that imposed conditions on approval or permitting of a project that were satisfied, in whole or in part, by the creation of the conservation easement;

(2) Inform each public entity that it may also submit written comments, including identifying any potential conflict between the public use proposed for the property and the purposes and terms of the conservation easement, within 45 days from the date of this notice, and that any comments should be submitted to DWR at the address provided on the previous page;

(3) If forwarding this notice to another public entity (as stated above), please notify DWR of the entity name and contact information.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any comments or questions regarding the Big Notch Project or proposed acquisition, or if providing public entity contact information, you may contact me telephone at (209) 681-4746, by email at Jesus.Cedeno@water.ca.gov, or at the address provided on the previous page.

Sincerely,



Jesus Cedeño
Associate Right of Way Agent

Attachments