

## Memorandum

Date: January 15, 2016

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State Water Resources Control Board  
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From: **Neil Manji**, Regional Manager   
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Subject: **Request to Delay Re-Adoption of Emergency Regulations on Mill, Deer and Antelope Creeks to Allow Time for Voluntary Agreement Negotiations**

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) is scheduled to appear before the State Water Resources Control Board (Board) on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 to request re-adoption of emergency regulations to protect listed salmonids on Mill, Deer and Antelope creeks. This memo requests the Board delay the consideration of re-adoption until the first Board meeting in March. Recent discussions with diverters on Mill and Deer creeks have provided valuable input and ideas that could lead to voluntary agreements and/or slight changes in the Department's recommendations to the Board. This delay will allow additional time to negotiate and refine the Department's recommendations.

Mill, Deer and Antelope creeks are critically important tributaries for listed anadromous salmonids in the Central Valley. The Department strongly supports the backstop of emergency regulations to protect listed fish species on these creeks due to the ongoing impacts of multiple years of drought.

The Department has discussed this request with Mr. Howard Brown, National Marine Fisheries Service. Mr. Brown agrees that a delay will provide additional opportunity to potentially secure voluntary agreements and/or refine our requests to the Board.

If you have any questions, please contact California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Northern Region Fisheries Program Manager, Curtis Milliron at (530) 225-2280.

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