



LAKE & STREAMBED ALTERATION PROGRAM EMERGENCY WORK NOTIFICATIONS

Lake and Streambed Alteration Program

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Agenda



- Understand what “Emergency Work” is
- Review the Emergency Work Notification process in EPIMS
- ID helpful resources
- Q&A

CDFW's Mission

To manage California's diverse fish, wildlife, and plant resources, and the habitats upon which they depend, for their ecological values and their use and enjoyment by the public.

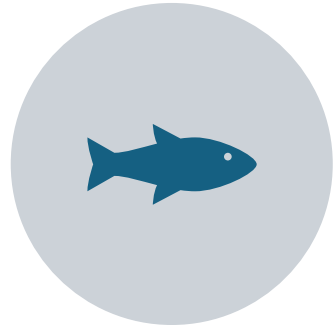


What Does CDFW Do?

To fulfill its mission, CDFW provides the following services



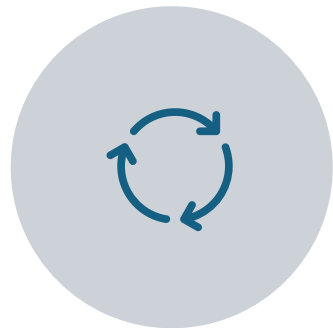
The Lake & Streambed Alteration Program



Permitting program that protects existing fish and wildlife resources in the bed, bank, or channel of waterbodies



Based out of HQ in West Sac



Coordinate procedures, guidance, and policies to ensure statewide consistency and efficiency



Manage the LSA Help Desk and the EPIMS Help Desk

Notifications



If an entity plans to ...

- **Substantially divert or obstruct the natural flow of,**
- **Substantially change or use any material from**
 - the bed, channel, or bank of, any river, stream, or lake,
- **Deposit or dispose** of debris, waste, or other material containing crumbled, flaked, or ground pavement where it may pass into any river, stream, or lake

Notification is necessary.

Agreement Types

Standard Agreement (SA)

- For a one-time project
- Ex. install culverts and bridges

Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA)

- For the routine maintenance of a structure or area
- Ex. debris basin maintenance and fuel management zones

Master Agreements

- Covers multiple projects where detailed plans are not ready at time of Notification
- Ex. housing development

Gravel, Sand, or Rock Extraction Agreement (GSR)

- For mining or extraction of aggregate material

Timber Harvesting Agreement

- Covers projects that are included in a timber harvesting plan approved by CAL FIRE

Cannabis Agreements

- Self-Certification
- Standard Agreement
- General Agreement

Agreement Terms

Short-Term Agreements

- Project Term of 5 years or less
- Can be extended once, for no more than 5 additional years
- Standard, Gravel/Sand/Rock Extraction, and Routine Maintenance Agreements
- Timber Harvesting Agreements can only be short-term

Long-Term Agreements

- Project Term of more than 5 years
- Standard, Gravel/Sand/Rock Extraction, and Routine Maintenance Agreements
- Master Agreements can only be long-term

Emergency Work Notification

Fish and Game Code section 1610 exempts certain types of emergency work from section 1602 requirements

CDFW must be notified within 14 days of beginning the work

Notify for Emergency Work in the EPIMS Permitting Portal

Emergency Definition



Sudden, unexpected occurrence clear and imminent danger life, health, property, or essential public services



Immediate action to prevent or mitigate loss or damage



Fire, flood, earthquake, or other soil or geologic movements, and riot, accident, or sabotage

What Qualifies?



§ 1610(a)(1)

Immediate emergency work necessary to protect life or property



§ 1610(a)(2)

Immediate emergency repairs to public service facilities because of disaster with proclaimed state of emergency



§ 1610(a)(3)

Emergency project activities to existing highways within one year of a disaster

§1610(a)(1)

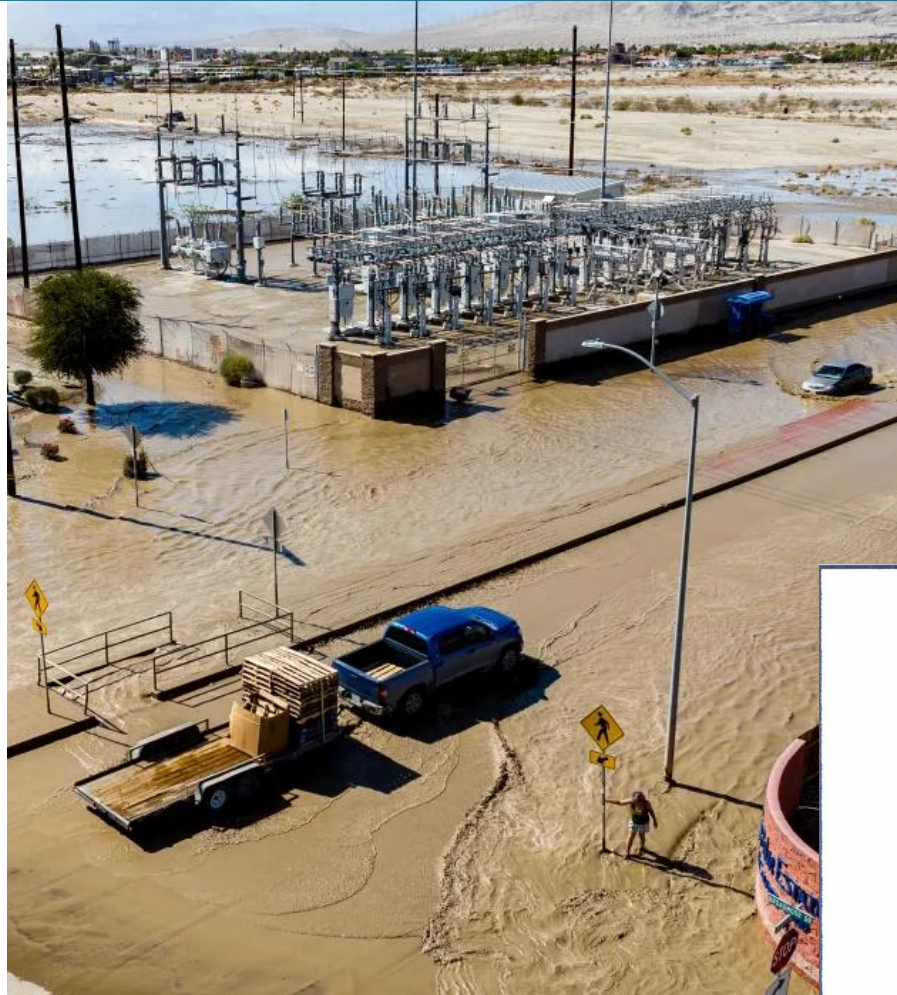
- Life
 - Human
 - Wildlife
- Property
 - Private
 - Public
 - CDFW-owned
- Examples
 - Sewage spills
 - Flooding
 - Ruptured pipelines



Concrete that has spilled into Glen Echo Creek during a pipe retrofit project by the East Bay Municipal Utilities District in 2015

§1610(a)(2)

- Repairs to public service facilities
 - Libraries
 - Schools
 - Parks
 - Utility Infrastructures
 - Roads/Highways
- Proclaimed State of Emergency



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS on August 18, 2023, Hurricane Hilary began bringing heavy rain, flooding, lightning, and gusty winds to Southern California, necessitating the repositioning of significant resources, including swift water rescue teams and the California National Guard, to protect health and safety and preserve the lives and property of the people of the State of California; and

WHEREAS the National Weather Service issued a Tropical Storm Warning on August 18, 2023, for portions of the Southern California coast, which are

Floodwaters caused by tropical storm Hilary in 2023

§1610(a)(3)

- Emergency highway maintenance & repair
- Damage from certain natural disasters
- Work must occur within 1 year of disaster
- Undertaken, carried out, or approved by a state or local government agency



2024 Highway 70 landside.

Notification Process

Applicant Notification steps:



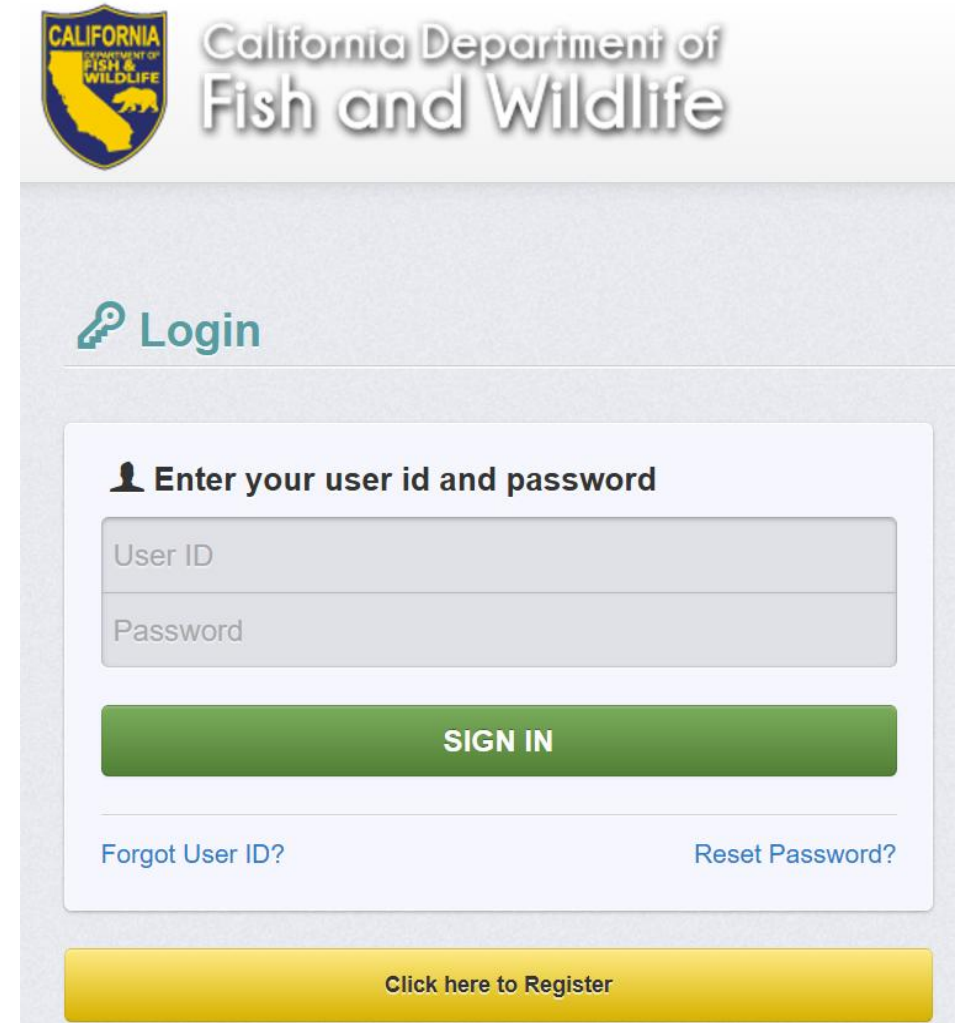
EPIMS Account Creation



Create & submit Emergency Work Notification within 14 days of starting work

Registration and Password Sharing

- Log-in to EPIMS or select "Click here to Register"
- All users need their own account
- No password sharing



The screenshot shows the login interface for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. At the top left is the department's logo, and to its right is the text "California Department of Fish and Wildlife". Below this is a "Login" section with a key icon. The main login area is a white box with the heading "Enter your user id and password" and a person icon. It contains two input fields: "User ID" and "Password". Below these fields is a green "SIGN IN" button. At the bottom of the white box are two links: "Forgot User ID?" and "Reset Password?". Below the white box is a yellow button labeled "Click here to Register".

EPIMS Terms

- **Applicant**: The person legally responsible for upholding the terms of the Agreement. Once the final LSA Agreement is issued, this person will become known as the **Permittee**.
- **Organization**: Serves as an anchor that connects multiple EPIMS users to a Notification with their own secure login.
- **Additional Contact**: User who has been given the authority by the Applicant to view/edit the Notification.
- **Designated Representative**: User who has been given the authority by the Applicant to sign the Notification and Agreement on the Applicant's behalf.

EPIMS Organization

Person 1
Person 2
Person 3

LSA Notification 1

Person 1
Person 2

LSA Notification 2


Person 2
Person 3

Person
1

Person
2

Person
3

Notifying through EPIMS

 California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Region 2 Tester
Tester
EPIMS System Training

Notification Types

List of all current Notification Types

Dashboard > Back Print Online Help Saved Search Log Out

Notification Types >

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Currently Posted Notification Types

All currently posted notification types appear below. Please complete a notification for the region that serves the county where the project is located.

Search:

ID	Status	Agency	Region	Project Name	Posted Date	Final-Notification Due Date
21848	Posted	LSA	Region 1 (Coastal)	Notify for Commercial Timber Harvesting 1602 Agreement	Apr 29, 2025 10:07 AM	Not Applicable
23542	Posted	LSA	Region 1 (Coastal)	Notify for Master Agreement	Apr 29, 2025 10:09 AM	Not Applicable
21847	Posted	LSA	Region 1 (Coastal)	Notify for Emergency Work	Apr 29, 2025 10:06 AM	Not Applicable
21849	Posted	LSA	Region 1 (Coastal)	Notify for Gravel, Sand, or Rock Extraction Agreement (non-Cannabis)	Apr 29, 2025 10:07 AM	Not Applicable
10136	Posted	LSA	Region 1 (Coastal)	Notify for Self-Certification (Cannabis Only)	Apr 29, 2025 10:02 AM	Not Applicable
10139	Posted	LSA	Region 1 (Coastal)	Notify for General Agreement (Cannabis Only)	Apr 29, 2025 10:03 AM	Not Applicable
10142	Posted	LSA	Region 1 (Coastal)	Notify for Standard Agreement (Cannabis and non-Cannabis)	Apr 29, 2025 10:04 AM	Not Applicable
10945	Posted	LSA	Region 1 (Coastal)	Document Repository - LSA Amendments & Extensions and CESA ITPs	Apr 29, 2025 10:05 AM	Not Applicable
11072	Posted	LSA	Region 1 (Coastal)	Document Repository - HREA, CESA CDs, SERP and WJTCA ITPs	Apr 29, 2025 10:05 AM	Not Applicable
21856	Posted	LSA	Region 1 (Coastal)	Notify for Routine Maintenance Agreement (Cannabis and non-Cannabis)	Apr 29, 2025 10:08 AM	Not Applicable
30910	Posted	LSA	Region 1 (Coastal)	Notify for Timber Harvesting Plan 1611 Agreement	Jun 1, 2022 3:06 PM	Not Applicable
10138	Posted	LSA	Region 1 (Inland)	Notify for Self-Certification (Cannabis Only)	Apr 29, 2025 10:19 AM	Not Applicable
10141	Posted	LSA	Region 1 (Inland)	Notify for General Agreement (Cannabis Only)	Apr 29, 2025 10:12 AM	Not Applicable

Info Required

Date Emergency was Discovered*:

Date Work Began*:

If CDFW does not receive the emergency notification within 14 days after the work begins, or the work did not constitute emergency work, the entity responsible for the work may be subject to criminal or civil prosecution.

Date Emergency Work Was or Will Be Completed*:

Type of Property Affected*:

Select all that apply.

Describe Other:

Complete if Other is selected above.

Type of Emergency Work*:

Select all that apply.

Describe the Emergency Work*:

Character Limit: 5,000

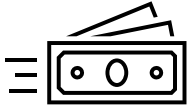
Briefly describe the dimensions (e.g., length and width) of the area or areas affected by the emergency and the work area.

Dimensions of Area Affected*:

Character Limit: 5,000

LSA Program Notification Review

The Applicant submits Notification



- There are no fees for Emergency Work Notifications
- No mitigation or conditions - Work occurs exactly as described in Notification

Upon receipt CDFW can:



- Confirm the emergency
- Request more information
- Indicate that project does not meet the conditions of 1610
- Issue a Notice of Violation
- Do nothing

Notification Status Update

Subject: CDFW - [Document Id] - Notification Complete

**** Do Not Respond to This Email ****



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
Environmental Permit Information Management System

Department shield and system title.

This email was generated by an automated mail handling system.
Please **do not** reply to the address listed in the "From" field.
Please read the CUSTOMER SERVICE section below if you have questions.

Dear [External Name],

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has reviewed your Lake or Streambed Alteration (LSA) notification identified below:

Notification Type: [Funding Opportunity]
EPIMS Number: [Document Id]
Project Name: [Document Title]
CDFW Region: [Program Area]
Applicant Organization: [Organization Name]
Applicant: [External Name]

This message is to inform you that your notification is complete.

If you are receiving this email and you submitted a Self-Certification notification or General Assessment notification, Staff have finished t

- Correspondence via EPIMS
 - Approved/Denied
 - More Info
 - Doesn't fit 1610
 - Notice of Violation
- Regional Scientist Email

Project/Site Related Questions

1 - Northern Region - *Inland*

Serving Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity counties.

601 Locust Street
Redding, CA 96001
(530) 225-2367
R1LSARedding@wildlife.ca.gov

1- Northern Region - *Coastal*

Serving Del Norte, Humboldt, and Mendocino counties.

619 Second Street
Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 441-2075
R1LSAEureka@wildlife.ca.gov

2 - North Central Region

Serving Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lake, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento*, San Joaquin*, Sierra, Sutter, Yolo*, and Yuba counties.

***Note:** Those portions of Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Yolo counties that are south of I-80 and west of I-5 are in Region 3. The balance of each county is in Region 2.

1701 Nimbus Road
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
(916) 358-1163.
R2LSA@wildlife.ca.gov

3 - Bay Delta Region

Serving Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, Sacramento*, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, San Joaquin*, Solano, Sonoma, and Yolo* counties

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2825 Cordelia Road, Suite 100
Fairfield, CA 94534
(707) 428-2002
R3LSA@wildlife.ca.gov

4 - Central Region

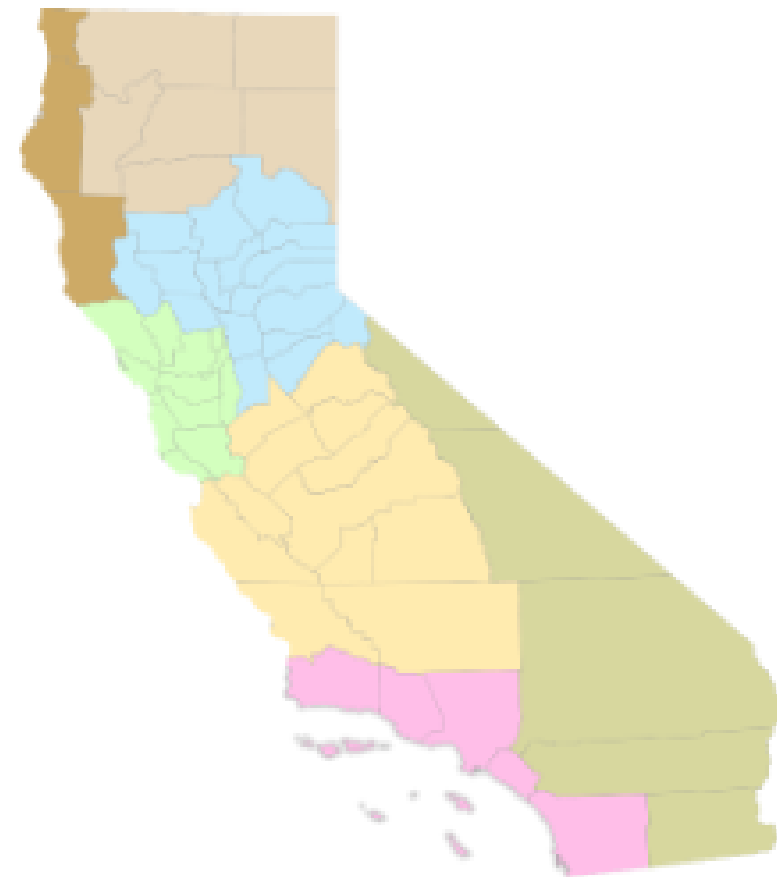
Serving Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Stanislaus, Tulare and Tuolumne counties

1234 E. Shaw Avenue
Fresno, CA 93710
(559) 243-4593
R4LSA@wildlife.ca.gov

5 - South Coast Region

Serving Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties

3883 Ruffin Road
San Diego, CA 92123
(858) 636-3160
R5LakeandStreambed@wildlife.ca.gov

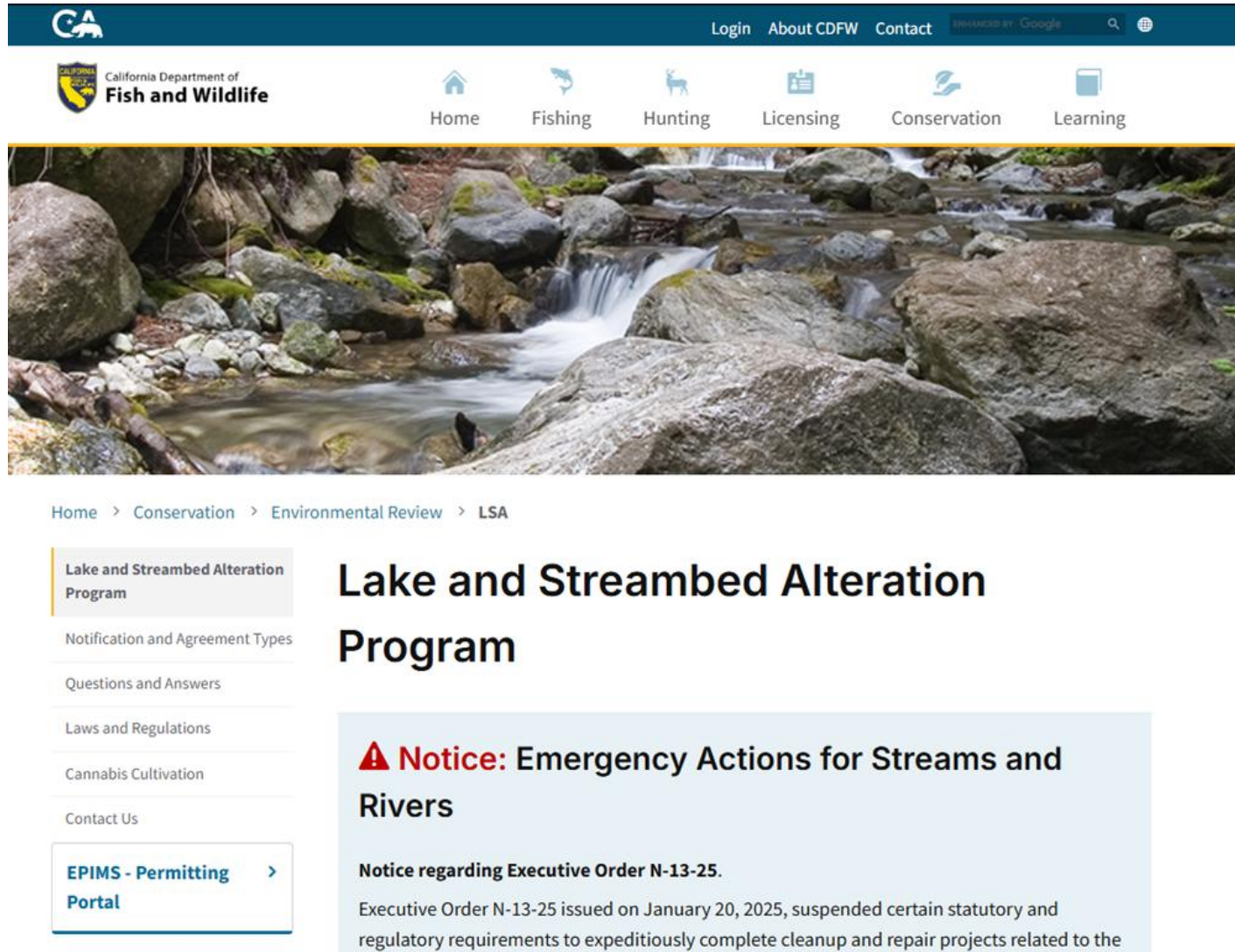


6 - Inland Deserts Region

Serving Imperial, Inyo, Mono, Riverside and San Bernardino counties

3602 Inland Empire Blvd.
Ontario, CA 91764
(909) 484-0523
R6LSA@wildlife.ca.gov

Resources to Facilitate Notification Process



The screenshot shows the California Department of Fish and Wildlife website. The header includes the CDFW logo, navigation links for Login, About CDFW, and Contact, and a search bar. Below the header is a navigation menu with icons for Home, Fishing, Hunting, Licensing, Conservation, and Learning. The main content area features a large image of a rocky stream with a small waterfall. Below the image is a breadcrumb trail: Home > Conservation > Environmental Review > LSA. A sidebar on the left contains a list of links: Lake and Streambed Alteration Program (highlighted), Notification and Agreement Types, Questions and Answers, Laws and Regulations, Cannabis Cultivation, and Contact Us. At the bottom of the sidebar is a link for EPIMS - Permitting Portal. The main content area displays the title 'Lake and Streambed Alteration Program' and a prominent red warning icon followed by the text 'Notice: Emergency Actions for Streams and Rivers'. Below this is a sub-heading 'Notice regarding Executive Order N-13-25.' and a paragraph of text starting with 'Executive Order N-13-25 issued on January 20, 2025, suspended certain statutory and regulatory requirements to expeditiously complete cleanup and repair projects related to the'.

- General Overview
- Notification and Agreement Types
- FAQs
- Laws and Regulations
- Fees

Video Tutorials



HOW TO SEND A MASTER AGREEMENT SUB-NOTIFICATION STATUS REPORT IN EPIMS

EPIMS Standard Agreement Training fo...

by California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Playlist · 13 videos · 93 views

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Quick Start Guides

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NOTIFICATION INFORMATION CHECKLIST
NOTIFY FOR STANDARD AGREEMENT (CANNABIS AND NON-CANNABIS)

Registering for a User Account in EPIMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Any individual can be a registered user. If the registered user is applying on behalf of an organization, that organization can be created/associated with the individual user account during the registration process.Consultants can register for User Accounts and may be added to their client's organization.Register for only one user account.
Steps to Register	<p>NOTE: Internet Explorer and Apple IOS are not fully compatible with EPIMS. CDFW recommends using Chrome web browser.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Navigate to the EPIMS Log-in page.Click "Click Here to Register."On the Registration page:<ol style="list-style-type: none">Fill in all required fields in the "Personal Contact Information" section.Fill in all required fields in the "Organization Information" section if you are affiliated with an organization. <p>IMPORTANT: Do not use all capital letters or abbreviations when completing this form.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Click "Save Registration Information" and you will receive confirmation, as well as an email.Your user registration will be reviewed for completion and approved by CDFW.<ol style="list-style-type: none">Once approved, you will receive two emails. One will contain your temporary password and the other will have your User ID.
Logging into EPIMS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">When you have received your User ID and temporary password, log in to EPIMS.When logging in for the first time, you will be prompted to change your temporary password.Enter your new password, and confirm, then click Save in the toolbar. <p>IMPORTANT: Use the "Back" icon, in the toolbar, when navigating within EPIMS.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Once logged in, you will see the Menu along the left side panel.Once logged in, click "Online Help" at the top of the page and review the Help Menu window for detailed instructions and information.

[EPIMS Help / 1.0 Introduction / Welcome to EPIMS / Quick Start Guides](#)

- Video tutorials guide user through the registration process to initial Notification submission
- The Quick Start Guides are checklists of all the required information on the Notification form in EPIMS.

EPIMS Help

EPIMSHelp@Wildlife.ca.gov

- Adding additional contacts to a Notification
- Associating users with organizations
- Assisting with technical issues
- Connecting Applicants with their Environmental Scientist
- Help with forms
- Login assistance



Questions?

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