

## Memorandum

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Subject: **Request to Delay Re-Adoption of Emergency Regulations on Mill, Deer, and Antelope Creeks Based on Hydrologic Conditions and Ongoing Negotiations**

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is scheduled to appear before the State Water Resources Control Board (Board) during the first Board meeting in March. This memo requests the Board delay the consideration of re-adoption until at least the first Board meeting in April. Current snow accumulations and hydrologic conditions could potentially provide adequate spring flows in Mill, Deer, and Antelope creeks. Additional time before consideration of re-adoption would improve assessment of conditions that affect anadromous salmonids and allow ongoing voluntary agreement negotiations to continue.

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 Howard Brown, National Marine Fisheries Service. Mr. Brown agrees a delay is appropriate at this time.

Department staff will continue providing Board staff updates on a weekly basis. If you have any questions, please contact the Department's Northern Region Inland Fisheries Program Manager Curtis Milliron at (530) 225-2280.

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