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June 19, 2018

Kara Heckert  
Sonoma Resource Conservation District  
1221 Farmers Lane, Suite F  
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Dear Kara:

**Extension of Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement, Notification No. 1600-2012-0364-R3, Sonoma RCD Levee Maintenance**

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) received your request to extend Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (Agreement) and extension fee, for the above referenced agreement. CDFW hereby grants your request to extend the Agreement expiration from December 31, 2017 to December 31, 2022. All other conditions in the original Agreement remain in effect.

Copies of the original Agreement and this letter must be readily available at project worksites and must be presented when requested by a CDFW representative or other agency with inspection authority.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact James Hansen, Environmental Scientist at (707) 576-2869 or by email at [James.Hansen@Wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:James.Hansen@Wildlife.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

Craig J. Weightman  
Environmental Program Manager  
Bay Delta Region

cc: California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Lieutenant Jones  
Wildlife Officer Esquivel

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Date Received	Fee Enclosed	Approved?	Date Approved	Expiration Date
6-1-2017	\$ 562. <sup>00</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	6-15-18	12-31-2022



J# 4069  
SRCD

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
**REQUEST TO EXTEND**  
**LAKE OR STREAMBED ALTERATION AGREEMENT**

James Hansen  
K. Jones  
Wch Swamy  
Wdn Esquivel



Complete EACH field and attach additional pages if necessary. Please refer to the fee schedule and submit the correct fee with extension request.

1. APPLICANT REQUESTING EXTENSION

*If the applicant is a business, agency, or utility, please include the name of the applicant's representative, who should be an employee of the applicant.*

Name	Kara Heckert		Fish & Wildlife
Business/Agency	Sonoma Resource Conservation District		
Street Address	1221 Farmers Lane, Suite F		JUN 01 2017
City, State, Zip	Santa Rosa, CA 95405		
Telephone	707-569-1448	Fax: 707-569-0434	Napa
Email	Contact Kari Wester at kwester@sonomarc.org		

2. PROJECT INFORMATION

Agreement number	1600-2012-0364-R3
Original expiration date	December 31, 2017
New expiration date requested	December 31, 2022

Specify: 1) the work that has been completed; 2) the work that needs to be completed; and 3) the amount of time needed to complete the work.

1) Dredging work that has been completed since the issuance of the existing RMA to date is as follows: In 2013 no maintenance was conducted due to obtaining the permit too late in the season to do work. In 2014 under RCD permits 2 landowners completed work on 2 parcels for an estimated 3,467 cubic yards of material dredged. In 2015 under RCD permits 3 landowners completed work on 5 parcels for an estimated 9,467 cubic yards of material dredged. In 2016 under RCD permits, no landowners completed maintenance. The 2017 maintenance season has not yet started but we are anticipating 7 landowners doing maintenance on a total of 8 parcels for an estimated 13,133 cubic yards of material dredged. More detailed information on annual work is included in the Annual Reporting Notifications that have been submitted annually to the CDFW under our existing permit.

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# REQUEST TO EXTEND LAKE OR STREAMBED ALTERATION AGREEMENT

## 2. PROJECT INFORMATION, continued.

Specify the reason(s) for the extension request

During the late 1800s the tidelands bordering San Pablo Bay were "reclaimed" for farm land. Levees were constructed to keep out the bay waters and the lands were drained and allowed to dry out, rain water flushed out the salts from the land and crops were planted. Currently, these lands are either private or publically owned and support local agricultural operations, infrastructure (i.e. roads) and important habitat and the levees require ongoing maintenance to prevent these lands from flooding.

In order to maintain the levees, landowners are required to obtain permits from some, or all, of the following regulatory agencies: the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (with consultation from the National Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife), County, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Bay Conservation and Development Commission and the State Lands Commission. Often, obtaining permits can be a lengthy and costly process. For example, receiving an individual permit for levee maintenance could take approximately 2 years to complete and can cost the landowner thousands of dollars. One way to save the landowner time and money, and to streamline the time spent by the regulatory agencies reviewing the permit applications, is for the RCD to administer one permit issued by each regulatory agency for levee maintenance activities being completed by numerous landowners.

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**Note: The Department may not process this extension request until the extension fee has been received.**

## 3. SIGNATURE

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the information in this extension request ("request") is true and correct and that I am authorized to sign this request as, or on behalf of, the applicant. I understand that if any information in this request is found to be untrue or incorrect, the Department may suspend processing this request. I understand also that if any information in this request is found to be untrue or incorrect, I and/or the applicant may be subject to civil or criminal prosecution.



Signature of Applicant or Applicant's Authorized Representative

5/30/17

Date

Kara Heckert

Print Name

**Note: If approved, a copy of this form must be available at the work site with the original agreement.**