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RE: APPLICATION FOR THE NATOMAS BASIN CONSERVANCY REQUESTING TO HOLD CONSERVATION EASEMENTS AND MANAGE AND STEWARD MITIGATION LAND

Dear Ms. Skupic:

The North Central Region of California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) received your application to hold conservation easements and manage and steward mitigation land pursuant to Government Code Section 65967(c). CDFW has exercised the required due diligence process in reviewing your application and supporting documentation. We determined that you meet the qualifications to hold conservation easements and manage and steward mitigation land within the North Central Region. Please keep this letter until its expiration 5 years from the date of this letter.

Obtaining CDFW approval to hold conservation easements and/or manage and steward mitigation lands is a two-step process. The first step is the due diligence review, the purpose of which is to determine an entity's general qualifications to hold conservation easements and/or manage and steward mitigation lands. Once qualified through the due diligence process, an entity must complete the second step and be approved by CDFW's regional permitting staff, on a project-by-project basis, to hold conservation easements and/or manage and steward mitigation lands required by a specific permit. Only those entities that qualified through the due diligence review will be eligible for consideration to hold conservation easements and/or manage and steward mitigation lands required by specific permits.

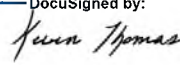
If The Natomas Basin Conservancy would like to renew its current status, we encourage you to contact CDFW at least six months prior to 5 years from the date of this letter and request the latest application and requirements. An entity in good standing that submits a complete renewal application at least 90 days prior to expiration may hold new conservation easements and/or may manage and steward new mitigation land, as authorized by CDFW, until the Habitat Conservation Branch Chief and Regional Manager have made a final determination on the renewal application or unless otherwise directed by regional staff.

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Please provide a copy of this letter to any project proponent that wishes to seek CDFW approval for The Natomas Basin Conservancy to hold a conservation easement and/or manage and steward mitigation lands as a condition of any permit that requires the transfer of an interest in real property to mitigate for impacts to fish and wildlife resources. If you have questions please, contact Environmental Scientist, Dylan Wood 916-358-2384 or by email at dylan.a.wood@wildlife.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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