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THE HABITAT RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT ACT (AB 2193)

SIMPLIFIED PERMITTING FOR RESTORATION BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE (CDFW)



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Accelerating Restoration and Water Quality Improvement

With this new law *now in effect statewide*, CDFW offers a faster and simpler pathway for qualified restoration projects, as an alternative to the following permits:

- Section 1600 Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA)
- Section 2081 California Endangered Species Act (CESA) permit

Covered projects could include:

- **Improving aquatic habitat for endangered species**
- **Revegetation to reduce sediment and pollutants in waterways**
- **Removing invasive plants along streams**
- **Removing fish passage barriers such as small dams, fords and failing culverts**
- **Other types of common restoration work**

Benefits from the New Law

- Two permit approvals with no change in fees
- Fast track review for voluntary restoration up to 5 acres and affecting 500 *cumulative* linear feet of streambank or shoreline
- Coordinated with the [State Water Board's General 401 Water Quality Certification for Small Habitat Restoration Projects](#):
 - Fast 30-day approval for projects **with** a State Water Board General 401 Certification
 - 60-day approval for projects **eligible for** the Water Board's General Certification but receiving other types of approval from the State/Regional Water Boards
- Simplifies monitoring requirements by allowing for use of plans/reports from other permits
- CEQA compliance can be through Categorical Exemption 15333 for Small Habitat Restoration Projects or other adopted CEQA document

How to Use the New Process

- Projects must be voluntary with a primary purpose of improving fish and wildlife habitat
- Provide detailed explanations of the project's design, purpose, and habitat/water quality benefits
- Incorporate all protection measures into the project design
- Utilize techniques or methodologies contained in recovery plans, guidelines, manuals, or guidance documents

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