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Dear Conservation/Mitigation Bank Interested Party:

You are receiving this communication because, according to our records, you are the sponsor, landowner, or land manager of a conservation or mitigation bank (bank) in California.

Recently there has been increased interest in and usage of the multi-agency approved banking templates, and the compensatory uses and marketable qualities of conservation/mitigation banking for meeting advance mitigation needs. As a result, there has been a significant increase in requests for data about banks from public agencies and private companies.

The California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) has a statutory obligation to make readily available in-house information accessible to the public upon request. This letter is intended as a courtesy to inform you that CDFG is releasing information about your conservation/mitigation bank(s) to public and private entities. The names and websites of the parties who have recently requested bank data have been included for your information. All sites listed below are free to the public. Please be advised that these external entities may be collecting data from other sources, therefore, the information they have collected may be incomplete, inaccurate, or not yet updated with our information:

Regional Internet Bank Information Tracking System (RIBITS) is a nationwide mitigation banking database managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Data are viewable at <http://216.83.232.125:443/pls/htmldb/f?p=101:>

Speciesbanking.com is a project of Ecosystems Marketplace, a non-profit organization. Data are viewable at: <http://www.speciesbanking.com/>.

Bank data will also be released to Markit Environmental Registry (formerly TZ1), a private corporation, for use in a pilot project underway in collaboration with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. More information is available at <http://www.markitenvironmental.com>.

Bank data will also be released to California Environmental Resources Evaluation System (CERES), a statewide program run by the California Natural Resources Agency. Data are viewable at <http://ceres.ca.gov/>.

CDFG also has a statutory obligation to track bank data as well as to

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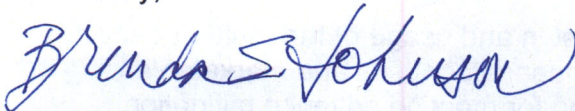
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provide a biennial report to the Legislature on wetland mitigation banks. This report is being prepared for a January 2010 release; prior versions are available at http://www.dfg.ca.gov/habcon/conplan/mitbank/cmb_pubs.html

If you have any questions please contact Ms. Katrina Valerio, Bank Database Coordinator by email at kvalerio@dfg.ca.gov or by telephone at (916) 651-3736; or Ms. Cara Roderick, Statewide Banking Coordinator, by email at croderick@dfg.ca.gov or by telephone at (916) 651-0685.

Sincerely,



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