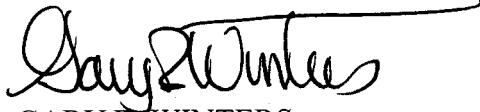


Memorandum

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To: DEPUTY DISTRICT DIRECTORS
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From: GARY R. WINTERS
Chief
Division of Environmental Analysis

Subject: HQ-DEA Reviews of Biological and Cultural Mitigation Greater than \$500,000

This is to follow up on my November 10, 2004 memo regarding the advisory HQ DEA review and comment on mitigation commitments anticipated to reach \$500,000. (Attached.)

Known information on a project at any point in time will vary from project to project. In addition, the specificity of a mitigation concept for a project may also be influx. Nevertheless, HQ believes it is beneficial for the Districts to initiate communications with DEA when it first appears that mitigation will exceed a half million dollars. This early coordination between the Districts and HQ will allow the Department to have maximum flexibility in addressing specific project issues.

Ideally, reviews by Headquarters should first begin with an informal conversation with the DEA Environmental Coordinator and appropriate DEA Office Chief. These discussions should include but not be limited to those outlined on the attached "Basic Project Information" sheet. DEA believes keeping some of these questions in mind as you plan your work program will ultimately lead to better Departmental decision-making and consistency across the Department in its mitigation activities and commitments.

For more information or to initiate biological mitigation reviews, please contact your Environmental Coordinator and Gregg Erickson, Chief, Biological and Technical Assistance Office, at (916) 654-6296, or Robert A. James, Senior Environmental Planner, biological mitigation coordinator, at (858) 616-6618.

For more information or to initiate cultural mitigation reviews, please contact your Environmental Coordinator and Greg King, Chief, Cultural and Community Studies Office, at (916) 227-4680, or Glenn Gmoser, Senior Environmental Planner, cultural mitigation coordinator, at (916) 227-4686.

Attachments