



Stream Erosion Impact



Flooding events can severely erode rivers and streams which can wash away land. Property owners who own land adjacent to or crossed by watercourses and have lost property due to sudden flood events, may be able to recover this lost land after receiving permission from federal, state, and local agencies. The following lists the agencies homeowners should contact before starting any reclamation work.

Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

According to the US Army Corps of Engineers land recovery is permissible if the loss of land resulted directly from the storm event and not long term erosion problems. In some cases, permits will be required from USACE but not for all. Those homeowners interested in making these repairs should call their USACE District Office before beginning work so they may make this determination. Listed below is the contact information for the USACE California offices.

Civil Works Office

USACE, **Sacramento**
1325 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-2922
Phone: 916-557-5100
Fax: 916-557-7853

Civil Works Office

USACE, **Los Angeles**
P.O. Box 532711 [911 Wilshire Blvd.]
Los Angeles, CA 90053-2325 [90017]
Phone: 213-452-3967
Fax: 213-452-4214

Regulatory Branch

USACE, **San Francisco**
San Francisco District
333 Market St, Room 923
San Francisco, CA 94105
Phone: 415-977-8460



California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)

Homeowners must notify the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and receive their permission before starting any repairs that will affect a stream or lake bed. A streambed alteration agreement may be required before beginning work. If a lake or streambed alteration agreement is required, the homeowner will need to submit plans to DFG and will need to pay a small fee. CDFW may also require mitigation measures to protect wildlife and riparian habitat as part of the Streambed Alteration Agreement. Phone numbers for the CDFW regional offices are listed below:

Northern California and North Coast Region (530) 225-2367
Sacramento Valley and Central Sierra Region (916) 358-2929
Central Coast Region (707) 944-5520
San Joaquin Valley and Southern Sierra Region (559) 243-4005
South Coast Region (858) 636-3160
Eastern Sierra and Inland Deserts Region (562) 430-7212



Additional Resources

Click below to download the Department of Fish and Wildlife Notification Package [Fish and Wildlife Notification Package.pdf](#)
www.caloes.ca.gov
www.fema.gov



Private homeowners may also be subject to local ordinances, homeowner association requirements, or building permits. It is important that homeowners contact their local government jurisdictions to determine what permits and restrictions may apply.



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CALL US AT:

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Regulations: *Check local ordinances.*

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