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2010 INCREASE: CEQA Document Filing Fees

On September 29, 2006 Senate Bill 1535 was passed increasing the amounts of filing fees collected by the Department, and requires the Department to adjust the fees annually pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 713. The annual fee adjustments are based on changes in the Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government Purchases of Goods and Services, as published by the U.S. Department of Commerce. The bill also eliminates the fee exemption for projects determined to have a "de minimis" effect on fish and wildlife (Section 711.4 of the Fish and Game Code).

The table below contains the CEQA filing fees for 2009, and the adjusted fees that will become effective on January 1, 2010. Annual filing fees adjustments are made available on the Department website prior to November 1 of the year before they become effective.

The Fish and Game filing fees will increase as follows:

<u>CEQA Document</u>	<u>2009 Fee</u>	<u>Increase Effective 1-1-2010</u>
Negative Declaration	\$1,993.00	\$2,010.25
Mitigated Neg. Dec	\$1,993.00	\$2,010.25
Environmental Impact Report	\$2,768.25	\$2,792.25
Certified Regulatory Program	\$941.25	\$949.50
County Clerk Processing Fee (may apply)	\$50.00	\$50.00

Information regarding the updated 2010 Environmental Filing Fees is also available at the Department of Fish and Game at http://www.dfg.ca.gov/habcon/ceqa/ceqa_changes.html and the OPR Web site at www.opr.ca.gov.