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Ms. Jeanine Townsend
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Subject: Draft Order Amending Permits 11308 AND 11310 - (Applications 11331 AND 11332) Held by the United States Bureau of Reclamation for the Cachuma Project on the Santa Ynez River in Santa Barbara County (Draft Order)

Dear Ms. Townsend,

We have reviewed the subject Draft Order issued on September 7, 2016 and appreciate that the cover letter transmitting the Draft Order notes that "Comments should be limited to the general acceptability of the order or possible technical corrections", and that "in order to be fully considered, written comments concerning the Draft Order must be received by the State Water Board by 12 Noon on October 25, 2016".

Given the length of time since the release of the Final Environmental Impact Report (2011), the last hearing (2012), and the complexity associated with numerous requirements that the Draft Order proposes to place on Reclamation (e.g. directs Reclamation to confer with other agencies, receive direction from other agencies, and perform various studies), we respectfully request that the comment period be extended for approximately 80 days to January 13, 2017.

Granting of the requested extension will afford us the opportunity to coordinate our comments with others to the extent possible, as well as provide the most thoughtful and meaningful information to the State Water Resources Control Board.

If you should have questions on this matter, please contact Ray Sahlberg, Mid-Pacific Regional Water Rights Officer at 916-978-5249 or via email at rsahlberg@usbr.gov or for the hearing impaired at 1-800-735-2929.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Jackson, P.E.
Area Manager