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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE FEDERAL PERIOD FOR STATE TO ACT ON CERTIFICATION FOR NEWHALL RANCH RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN (Corps' Project No. 2003-01264-AOA), LOS ANGELES COUNTY (File No. 11-168)

Dear Mr. Allen:

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) received an application for Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs)/Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the above referenced project on October 5, 2011. Due to the scale and complexity of this project, and the Regional Board's need for information in addition to that submitted with the application, the Regional Board will require more than 60 days to act on the application.

The Regional Board requires additional time to address outstanding issues and gather sufficient detailed information in order to prepare the permit. In addition, this project will be presented at a regularly scheduled Regional Board hearing. The time period from release of the tentative WDR to Board consideration generally takes 72 days or longer. Therefore, additional time will be required for comprehensive review and preparation for Board approval.

While it is our intention to complete and release the tentative WDR at the earliest date practical, to be sure we have sufficient time and flexibility, the Regional Board is requesting the federal period be extended for a 1-year period, expiring on **October 5, 2012**.

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Should you have questions concerning this letter, please contact Valerie Carrillo at (213) 576-6759 or Dr. LB Nye at (213) 576-6785.

Sincerely,



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