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VIA E-MAIL

State Water Resources Control Board
Attn: Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
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Re: Request for Extension of Time for Public Comment on Bay-Delta Phase II Working Draft Scientific Basis Report

Dear Ms. Townsend:

The Northern California Water Association, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, State Water Contractors, and Friant Water Authority respectfully request that the State Water Resources Control Board extend by ninety (90) days the time currently allotted to review and, as needed, provide written comments on the Working Draft Scientific Basis Report for Potential Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary Phase II Update ("Draft Science Report").

The State Water Board staff has been developing the Draft Science Report for at least 4 years. The Draft Science Report comprises almost 400 pages of information that is of utmost importance to the State of California. It has significant legal, policy, and water supply implications. It is intended to guide the State Water Board in its review of the Bay-Delta Plan, the implementation of which will have serious economic and environmental repercussions throughout the State. It will impact more than 29 million people, more than 4 million acres of farmland, and more than 300,000 acres of wildlife (grassland and wetland) habitat within the Pacific flyway. Sufficient time to review such an important document is essential.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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Association

Jeff Sutton, General Manager
Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority

Jason Peltier, Executive Director
San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water
Authority

Terry Erlewine, General Manager
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Friant Water Authority

cc: Members of the State Water Board