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Dear Messrs. Guy, Erlewine, Sutton, Phillips, and Peltier:

RESPONSE TO REQUEST TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR COMMENT ON WORKING DRAFT SCIENTIFIC BASIS REPORT FOR PHASE II UPDATE TO THE BAY-DELTA PLAN

I am responding to your letter dated November 16, 2016, in which you requested the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) extend the public comment period for the Working Draft Scientific Basis Report (draft Report) for the Phase II Update of the Bay-Delta Plan by ninety days.

We will not be extending this particular comment period, which was meant to give extra early input in this process. There is no requirement for the State Water Board to release this draft Report, and the document itself is not a regulatory document. It is a working draft document released in its preliminary stages to obtain early input regarding any additional scientific information that should be considered for potential Phase II changes to the Bay-Delta Plan. As requested, we are also having the document reviewed by the Delta Independent Science Board. After reviewing their comments and public comments, we will revise appropriately and send the document for blind peer review as well. The draft Report was released on October 19, 2016, with a 60-day public comment period and a public workshop scheduled for December 7, 2016. Delaying the comment period and workshop on this draft Report could delay actions to protect imperiled fish and wildlife beneficial uses and is problematic given the status of fish and wildlife.

Public involvement is important to the State Water Board, and we appreciate your continued efforts and input. There will be many opportunities for additional input on Phase II in the future.

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