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Sammie Cervantes
U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, MP-140
2800 Cottage Way
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Re: Extension of Comment Period on Draft EIS/EIR for Environmental Water Account

Dear Ms. Cervantes:

The draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) covering the operation of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program's Environmental Water Account (EWA) was made available for public review and comment on July 14, 2003. Comments on this document are due today, September 15, 2003.

As you know, the draft EIS/EIR and accompanying documents are quite voluminous and comprehensive. While Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency staff has begun a review of these documents, we will need additional time for a full analysis.

We are aware that others reviewing the draft EIS/EIR face similar difficulty in completing their review within the existing comment period. Therefore, we join these others in requesting an extension of the review and comment period. Another ninety days would be sufficient for our needs.

Thank you for consideration of this matter. Please feel welcome to call me if you would like to discuss this request further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles McNiesh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charles McNiesh
General Manager

cc: Delores Brown
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