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VIA MAIL, FACSIMILE AND E-MAIL

Ms. Delores Brown, Chief Mitigation and Restoration Branch Department of Water Resources 3251 S Street Sacramento, CA 95816

Dear Ms. Brown.:

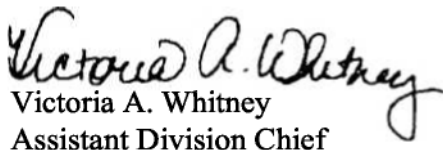
REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON THE PUBLIC DRAFT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL WATER ACCOUNT (EWA) EIS/EIR

This letter is to request a formal extension of time to Monday, September 22, 2003 for the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights (Division) to provide written comments on the Public Draft EWA EIS/EIR. On September 11 and 12, 2003 Diane Riddle of my staff contacted you to request an extension of time. Ms. Riddle informed you that the reason for the request was that appropriate staff was not made aware of the document's availability until recently. Consequently, in order for staff to adequately review the document, additional time is needed. On September 12, 2003 you responded that an informal extension of time of one week is allowed for the Division to provide comments.

I appreciate the informal extension of time. However, I believe that given the potential importance of this document in future decisions by the Division, it is important for the Division to receive a formal written extension of time to complete review of the document and provide any necessary comments. Please let me know at your earliest convenience whether a formal extension of time will be allowed. In the absence of a formal extension of time, the Division reserves the right to separately require any documentation that is excluded from the EIS/EIR due to the inadequate review period under its water rights authority, in the event that the document is required for any future decisions by the Division.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Ms. Riddle, the staff person assigned to this matter at (916) 341-5297. Alternatively, you may also contact me at (916) 341-5423.

Sincerely,


Victoria A. Whitney
Assistant Division Chief

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