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Ms. Nancy Patton, Acting Executive Director
Commission on State Mandates
980 9th Street, Suite 300
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Test Claim No. 10-TC-12 "Water Conservation Act of 2009"

Dear Ms. Patton:

The Commission has granted several extensions for this test claim, one to the Department of Finance and two to the Department of Water Resources. The most recent extension's deadline is August 9, 2012. The Departments of Water Resources and Finance seek another extension for several reasons.

The two departments continue to be unable to fashion a timely response given the scope, breadth, and complexity of the issues the test claim raises. Coordinating an adequate and comprehensible response will simply take more time. The statutes and regulation at issue apply to over 500 urban and agricultural water suppliers state-wide, including the claimants. And as I have stated in prior requests, workload and competing priorities have made drafting a timely response difficult.

Both departments would very much appreciate another 60-day extension by the Commission to October 8, 2012. I look forward to your prompt response since the deadline is approaching.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (916) 651-0874 or skenner@water.ca.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Spencer Kenner".

Spencer Kenner
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