

November 3, 2017

*Via Electronic Mail*

Heather Halsey, Executive Director  
Commission on State Mandates  
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Re: Los Angeles Region Water Permit – County of Ventura  
Test Claim No. 11-TC-01

Dear Ms. Halsey:

The County of Ventura and the Ventura County Watershed Protection District (claimants) hereby request an extension to January 31, 2018 to file their written rebuttals to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Los Angeles Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) and the California Department of Finance's (Finance) comments.

On June 9, 2017, after the Commission on State Mandates (Commission) issued its Notice of Complete Joint Test Claim Filing on May 26, 2017, with a Hearing Date set for May 25, 2018, the Commission granted the Los Angeles Water Board's request for a 60-day extension of time to file its comments on the Test Claim. The reason for the extension was that the "records are voluminous and require substantial amount of time and effort to compile and organize." Also, "summer vacation plans" were considered.

On August 18, 2017, the Commission granted the Los Angeles Water Board request for a 50-day extension of time to file its comments on the Test Claim. The reason for the extension was "to address technical difficulties with converting the administrative record to an acceptable electronic format from the original 120,000 page hard-copy format."

On October 11, 2017, the Commission granted the Los Angeles Water Board's request for a two week extension of time to file its comments on the Test Claim. The reason for the extension was "due to unanticipated delay in converting the administrative record to an acceptable electronic format and the need for completion of bates stamping of the record that will be filed ... in order to include citations to the record evidence in its comments on the Test Claim." Also on October 11, 2017, Finance filed their timely comments on the Test Claim. Due on October 27, 2017, the State Water Board and Los Angeles Water Board jointly filed their late comments on October 30, 2017.

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Between their filings on August 23 and October 12, 2017, the State Water Board and Los Angeles Water Board filed administrative records amounting to 126,727 pages. The indexes alone are over 200 pages, which the claimants will now have to review in order to prepare their written rebuttal. An extension on the time to respond is warranted because of the voluminous amount of documents that must be reviewed, which was a reason for the Los Angeles Water Board's prior extensions, and the fact that the holiday season will impact the availability of the claimants' staff, which was also a reason for the Los Angeles Water Board's prior extensions.

The Commission's regulations at Section 1187.9(a) provide that an extension "shall be approved" "[s]o long as a postponement of a hearing would not be required, there is no prejudice to any party or interested party, and there is no other good reason for denial." The test claim hearing is not scheduled until May 25, 2018, four months after the proposed filing of the claimants' rebuttal. Since this would provide ample time for all parties to prepare for the May 2018 hearing, this extension would alleviate the prejudice caused by having to file their rebuttal during the holiday season after multiple extensions granted to the opposing parties, and no party has a demonstrated need to review the claimants' written rebuttal in the meantime. Accordingly, there is good reason to grant this request.

Should you have any questions about the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 446-7979 or [tdunham@somachlaw.com](mailto:tdunham@somachlaw.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Theresa A. Dunham". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "T".

Theresa A. Dunham

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**DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY EMAIL**

I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

I am a resident of the County of Sacramento and I am over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within action. My place of employment is 980 Ninth Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, California 95814.

On November 7, 2017, 2017, I served the:

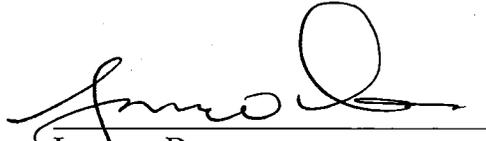
- **Notice of Limited Extension Request Approval issued November 7, 2017**
- **Claimant Request for Extension of Time filed November 3, 2017**

*California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, Order No. R4-2010-0108, 11-TC-01.*

County of Ventura and Ventura County Watershed Protection District, Co-Claimants

By making it available on the Commission's website and providing notice of how to locate it to the email addresses provided on the attached mailing list.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on November 7, 2017 at Sacramento, California.



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