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## **State Water Resources Control Board**

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California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, Order No. R9-2013-0001, 14-TC-03, County of San Diego, Claimant

# REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO SUBMIT COMMENTS AND TO SUBMIT THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD FOR ORDER NO. R9-2013-0001

Dear Ms. Halsey:

By letter dated May 25, 2017, the Commission on State Mandates (Commission) issued a Notice of Complete Joint Test Claim Filing, Removal from Inactive Status, Schedule for Comments, Renaming of Matter, Request for Administrative Record, and Notice of Tentative Hearing Date (Notice) in the above matter. The Notice requests that parties analyze the merits of the Test Claim and submit written comments on or before June 26, 2017. The Notice also requests that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board) and State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) (collectively Water Boards) submit the official administrative record(s) of the underlying Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit and tentatively sets a hearing date in May 2018. The Water Boards intend to submit written comments analyzing and responding to the merits of the Test Claim and the administrative record for the underlying MS4 permit but, for the reasons described below, request a 45-day extension of time until **October 9, 2017**, in which to do so.

The Water Boards want to closely evaluate the Test Claim and the numerous provisions alleged to be unfunded state mandates, as well as the specific issues identified by the Commission in its original and June 20, 2017 notices, and require more time to do so. First, inclusive of attachments, the revised Test Claim exceeds 1000 pages and identifies at least eight separate permit provisions as unfunded mandates. I anticipate it will require extensive attorney and staff time to research and prepare a thorough response and finalize preparation of the record for the underlying permit. Second, I am the attorney assigned to test claim matters arising from San Diego Water Board MS4

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The administrative record for the underlying permit is largely prepared but will need to be reviewed and modified as necessary as it was prepared for subsequent amendments to the underlying permit.

permits. In addition to my work on this Test Claim, I am responsible for preparing comments and the record for the test claim in *California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, Order No. R9-2010-0016,* 11-TC-03 (currently with a deadline of August 22, 2017),<sup>2</sup> and *10-TC-11* (Order No. R9-2009-0002), tentatively set for hearing in December 2017. I am also working concurrently on several significant permitting and cleanup matters, other routine but essential matters, and assisting the Attorney General's Office with several active litigation matters involving the San Diego Water Board, two of which have hearings in superior court in the first two weeks of September. These competing priorities have limited and continue to limit my ability to devote the time necessary to analyze and respond to the Test Claim by August 25, 2017.

Section 1187.9, subdivision (a), of the Commission's regulations provides that as 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, a request for extension of time to file comments on a test claim shall be approved. The hearing on this Test Claim is tentatively scheduled for July 27, 2018. The Water Boards do not believe that postponement of the hearing will be required if the extension is granted and are not aware of any prejudice to any party or interested person, or any other good reason, that the request for more time should not be granted.

For all of the reasons described above, the Water Boards respectfully request that the deadline for submission of written comments on the Test Claim and the administrative record for the underlying permit be extended 45 days, to **October 9, 2017**. The Water Boards appreciate your consideration of this request. I can be reached at (619) 521-3012 or by e-mail at <u>Catherine.Hagan@waterboards.ca.gov</u> if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Catherine George Hagan

Senior Staff Counsel

cc: Service List [via Commission Drop Box]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Water Boards are requesting an additional thirty day extension of time to file comments and the administrative record(s) in 11-TC-03 (*California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, Order No. R9-2010-0016, County of Riverside et al.*), on substantially the same grounds. Staggering the deadlines for responding to this and the Test Claim in 11-TC-03 will assist the completion of comments on both matters.

# **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 August 21, 2017, I served the:

- Notice of Extension Request Approval issued August 21, 2017
- SWRCB and SDRWQCB Request for Extension of Time filed August 18, 2017

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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 August 21, 2017 at Sacramento, California.

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