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*CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, LOS ANGELES REGION,  
ORDER NO. R4-2012-0175, 13-TC-01 AND 13-TC-02: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FOUR-  
WEEK EXTENSION OF TIME TO SUBMIT COMMENTS*

Dear Ms. Halsey:

On March 21, 2018, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) and State Water Resources Control Board (collectively, Water Boards) requested an extension of time to submit written comments in the above-referenced matter. The Commission granted that request and written comments are currently due by April 20, 2018. For the reasons described below, the Water Boards respectfully request an additional four-week extension of time to submit written comments on the Test Claims relating to the 2012 Los Angeles County Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit, Los Angeles Water Board Order No. R4-2012-0175. If granted, the Water Boards will submit its comments no later than **May 18, 2018**.

The Water Boards request this additional extension of time to submit written comments analyzing the merits of the Test Claims for the reasons that follow. First, since March 21, 2018, when the Water Boards requested an extension to submit comments on the Test Claims, the Water Boards have experienced unforeseen circumstances that have limited our ability to work on this matter. Board staff and myself attended more days of court hearings in Orange County than originally anticipated. In addition, the court requested the parties to submit supplemental briefing, which is due to the court in the next few weeks. This request was unexpected and will require significant input and support to the Attorney General's Office by myself and Board staff. Second, the Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Water Board recently retired and the Board selected a new Executive Officer. This transition has required, and will continue to require, myself and key Board staff to assume additional responsibilities to ensure a smooth transition. Additional review time will also be required. Third, as I noted in my prior requests, I am the attorney assigned to Los Angeles Water Board test claim matters and am preparing comments on behalf of the Water Boards. In addition to working on test claims matters, Board staff and I are also responsible for other priority duties that limit our ability to exclusively work on this matter, including preparing orders for consideration by the Board at its monthly meetings and working with the Attorney General's Office on other existing litigation matters. The Los Angeles Water Board agendas for meetings scheduled in May and June 2018 are especially full and I am currently assisting Board staff in preparing draft documents that are required to be released for public review and comment

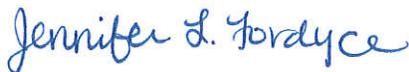
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this week. Accordingly, despite our best efforts, the Water Boards are unable to prepare combined written comments on the Test Claims by April 20, 2018 as we had originally anticipated. Extending the deadline as requested will provide the Water Boards with the necessary time to submit combined comments on the Test Claims, as well as tend to our other work and litigation responsibilities.

Section 1187.9, subdivision (a), of the Commission's regulations provides that so 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 request shall be approved. The hearing on the Test Claims is tentatively scheduled for January 25, 2019. The Water Boards do not believe that postponement of the hearing will be required if this extension is granted. If, however, the Commission believes that granting this extension would constrain the time the Commission requires to prepare for hearing, the Water Boards also request a corresponding postponement of the hearing date pursuant to section 1187.9, subdivision (b), of the Commission's regulations based on consideration of the above reasons.

Therefore, for the reasons set forth above, the Water Boards respectfully request that the deadline for submission of written comments on the Test Claims be extended an additional four weeks to **May 18, 2018**. The Water Boards believe that good cause exists to allow the Executive Director to grant this requested extension and appreciates your consideration of this request. Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at (916) 324-6682 or at [Jennifer.Fordyce@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Fordyce@waterboards.ca.gov).

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**DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY EMAIL**

I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

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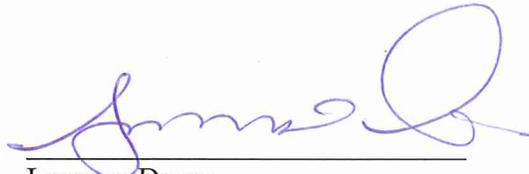
- **Notice of Extension Request Approval issued April 13, 2018**
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*California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, Order No. R4-2012-0175, 13-TC-01 and 13-TC-02*

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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 April 13, 2018 at Sacramento, California.



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