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June 6, 2016

SENT VIA EMAIL (CWFhearing@waterboards.ca.gov and CWF Service List**)**

Hearing Chair Tam Doduc
Hearing Officer Felicia Marcus
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

RE: Request for Extension of Time to File and Serve Objections in Hearing on California WaterFix Water Rights Change Petition

Dear Hearing Chair Doduc and Hearing Officer Marcus:

This firm represents several protestants in the above-referenced petition.[1] We respectfully join in the request by AquAlliance and others for at least a 27 -day extension of time in the Hearing on the WaterFix Change Petition for the filing and service of written objections concerning the petitioners' case in chief.

I have reviewed the letter submitted by Petitioners DWR and BOR on Friday June 3rd. The letter does not recognize that the Petitioners' case in chief will begin *after* the presentation of policy statements. While it is unclear exactly how long the policy statements will take, petitioners will have more than two weeks to review and appropriately respond to evidentiary objections. Additionally, the release of different sets of voluminous modeling data over the past year has *impaired, not assisted,* in the ability of protestants to expeditiously analyze the manner in which the proposed water right changes will harm other legal users of water, and to consider effects on fish and wildlife. Now protestants must sort through all of this information to determine what parts are relevant to the proposed change; adequate time should be afforded for this endeavor.

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1 Local Agencies of the North Delta, Bogle Vineyards, Diablo Vineyards and Brad Lange, Elliot-Stillwater Orchards, Delta Watershed Landowner Coalition, Friends of Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge. This office is also assisting several other protestants on an informal basis to help ensure that public concerns regarding the petition may be presented and considered at the upcoming hearings.

Thank you for considering this request.

Very truly yours,

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By: 
Osha R. Meserve

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Attachment: Statement of Service

cc (via email): Parties listed in Table 1 of the Current Service List for the California WaterFix Petition Hearing

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STATEMENT OF SERVICE

CALIFORNIA WATERFIX PETITION HEARING
Department of Water Resources and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Petitioners)

I hereby certify that I have this day submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board and caused a true and correct copy of the following document(s):

Letter dated June 6, 2016 re: Request for Extension of Time to File and Serve Objections in Hearing on California WaterFix Water Rights Change Petition

to be served **by Electronic Mail** (email) upon the parties listed in Table 1 of the **Current Service List** for the California WaterFix Petition Hearing, dated June 2, 2016, posted by the State Water Resources Control Board at
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/california_waterfix/service_list.shtml

I certify that the foregoing is true and correct and that this document was executed on June 6, 2016.

Signature: _____
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Party/Affiliation:
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