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Ms. Pamela C. Creedon
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RE: Draft Long-term ILRP WDR for the Tulare Lake Basin

Dear Ms. Creedon:

The California Cotton Growers Association has been an active participant in the Tulare Lake Basin and East San Joaquin Draft WDR's as well the development in the Long-term Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. The Tulare Lake Basin encompasses a large portion of our cotton grower membership.

The Association supports efforts to for an extension to the interested party review period. The extension would allow interested parties more sufficient time than the current timeline to comment and provide in-depth technical analysis that would further enhance the development of the Long-term program. The geographic and hydrologic complexity of the region, amount of agricultural acreage and the diversity of commodities make the preparation of quality technical analysis longer than the 30 days that is currently given for interested parties. Considering the potential impacts the WDR would have on our membership, we respectfully request an extension from August 10th to September 30, 2012 for submittal of comments. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Casey Creamer
Vice President

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