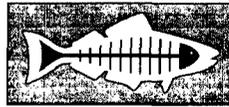


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November 1, 2005

Ms. Tam Doduc, Chair
Members of the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Request for Extension of Comment Deadline on Revisions to the Federal
Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Water Quality Limited Segments for
California**

Dear Chair Doduc and Members of the Board:

Please consider this letter a formal request for the extension of the comment deadline concerning the recently released draft federal Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Water Quality Limited Segments for California. The current comment deadline is December 6, 2005 at 5pm. That deadline falls on the same day as the workshop the Board has scheduled on the topic for northern California, and five days after the southern California workshop. An extended deadline would allow these workshops to more effectively promote dialogue among stakeholders and regulators, and contribute to more valuable comments for the agency. In addition, the draft provides a large quantity of data to review and far-reaching consequences of certain proposed changes. Thus, we request a six-week extension of the comment deadline. We thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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