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Comment Letter # 39

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board State Water Resources Control Board P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Re: 90 day extension request, Proposed Amendments to the Statewide Dredged or Fill Procedures (formerly known as the Wetlands Policy)

Dear Mrs. Townsend,

On behalf of Teichert Materials, I would like to formally request that the State Water Resources Control Board (Board) and staff working on the Statewide Dredged or Fill Procedures (formerly known as the Wetlands Policy) consider a 90 day extension on allowing written comments on the Preliminary Draft Procedures released on June 17, 2016. At Teichert, we have been an active stakeholder since work on these procedures began in 2008. We are deeply committed to helping make sure that these Procedures are sound, comprehensive and effective. In order to achieve these goals, however, we must have enough time to read and understand the new 42 page proposed procedure, related 209 page Staff Report and materials. Importantly, we also need time to work with our own staff and partners to make sure we understand the procedures, have our facts straight, and have time to interact with Board staff. To this end, the current comment due date of August 4, 2016 is beyond challenging and may lead to the presentation and adoption of a policy that has not been fully vetted by Board staff by stakeholders, agencies, and staff that will have to work with it into the future.

We understand the desire to conclude work on these Procedures in 2016. More than this, however, we would like to make sure we get this right. Please consider a 90 day extension. Our commitment is to use this time to continue to work with Board staff in a positive and fruitful manner and to help make this rule something that makes a positive improvements both in the protection of wetlands and water quality but also in the future regulatory regime.

Sincerely.

John Lane

Project Manager, Teichert Materials

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