



March 28, 2016

Via Email To:

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Hearing Chair Tam Doduc
Hearing Officer Felicia Marcus
State Water Resources Control Board
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Re: Request For a 60-Day Continuance of the Hearing on California Waterfix Water Rights Change Petition

Dear Hearing Chair Doduc and Hearing Officer Marcus:

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) (jointly Petitioners) respectfully request a 60-day continuance of all dates and deadlines associated with the hearing on the petition requesting changes in water rights of Petitioners for the California WaterFix.

Based upon recent success settling issues raised in the EIR/EIS process and ongoing discussions with protestors, Petitioners believe that a continuance could provide additional time to resolve other protests to simplify and expedite the hearing process. The additional time would also reduce the State Water Board's burden of analyzing and deliberating on a number of parties' claims and scope of the hearing.

Within 30 days of granting this continuance, Petitioners propose to submit an update to the State Water Board to report on their status, potential proposed permit conditions, and any other additional modeling in support of the project description.

Since Petitioners' testimony would otherwise be due on March 30, Petitioners respectfully request approval of this request by tomorrow, March 29. Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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