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IN REPLY
REFER TO:

April 5, 2019

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

SUBJECT: Request for Extension of Time – Cachuma Project Revised Draft Order

Dear Ms. Townsend:

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) requests a 45-day extension for the comment period on the Cachuma Project Revised Draft Order Amending Permits 11308 and 11310 (“Revised Draft Order”). This request is consistent with the request made by the “Local Interests”¹ on today’s date.

The State Water Resources Control Board (“Board”) issued the Revised Draft Order on March 27, 2019, and provided for comments until April 29, 2019, or approximately 30 days. Given the complexity and extensive changes proposed by the Board in the Revised Draft Order, Reclamation believes that a 45-day extension is reasonable. If granted, the new deadline would be on or about June 13, 2019.

Reclamation concurs with the “Local Interests” that the Revised Draft Order includes substantial revisions, especially with respect to water contracting, water supply impacts, fish passage requirements, the 2012 Final Steelhead Recovery Plan, and new delegations to State Board staff.

Reclamation further agrees with the Local Interests that this request will not prejudice the public, or the Board. Given the complexity of the issues and size of the administrative record, Reclamation requests a reasonable extension of 45 days to allow a more fulsome review and meaningful comment.

¹ The “Local Interests” are the Cachuma Conservation Release Board (“CCRB”), the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (“Parent District”), the City of Lompoc, and the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1 (“ID No. 1”).

Thank you for considering this request. This letter is electronically served upon the parties indicated in the updated service list of March 26, 2019. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 916-978-5688.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Amy L. Aufdenberge', written in a cursive style.

Amy L. Aufdenberge
Assistant Regional Solicitor