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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
Bay-Delta@waterboards.ca.gov

Re: Time Extension Request for Comments on the Draft Scientific Basis Report Supplement for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Water Quality Control Plan.

Dear Ms. Townsend:

The North Delta Water Agency (“NDWA”) requests an extension of time to review and comment on the Draft Scientific Basis Report Supplement in Support of Proposed Voluntary Agreements for the Sacramento River, Delta, and Tributaries Update to the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Water Quality Control Plan (“Report”), that was recently issued on January 5, 2023. The State Water Resources Control Board has indicated it will accept written comments on the Report until 12:00 p.m. noon on February 8, 2023. To afford sufficient time for meaningful comments, NDWA requests that the comment deadline be extended by approximately 60 days, to April 9, 2023.

The Report is a key step in the State Water Board’s Phase II process of developing and implementing updates to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (“Bay-Delta Plan”). The Report and its appendices contain more than 350 pages of new scientific and technical information that the State Water Board will rely on as it considers updating the Bay-Delta Plan for the first time since 2006.

In light of recent heavy storms and accompanying flood emergencies, NDWA needs additional time to consult with its scientific and technical experts, and engage with its constituents who stand to be affected by the contemplated changes. The requested 60-day extension will enable the Agency to more thoroughly evaluate the Report and provide thoughtful comments that will assist the State Water Board.

Sincerely,

Melinda Terry, General Manager
North Delta Water Agency

cc: North Delta Water Agency, Board of Directors
Kevin O’Brien, Downey Brand LLP