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Dear Ms. Patton:

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, SANTA ANA REGION,
ORDER NO. R8-2010-0033: REQUEST FOR 60 DAY EXTENSION OF TIME TO SUBMIT
COMMENTS OF THE CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD,
SANTA ANA REGION
TEST CLAIM 10-TC-07

This is a request for an additional 60 day extension of time in which to submit comments in the above-noted matter. Currently, the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Santa Ana Water Board's) comments are due on June 27, 2011. The February 16, 2011 Notice of Complete Test Claim Filing and Schedule For Comments provides that requests for extensions of time may be filed in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 2, chapter 2.5, sections 1183.01, subdivision (c) and 1181.1, subdivision (g). As explained herein, the Santa Ana Water Board believes that good cause exists for granting an additional 60 day extension of time, which would extend the deadline to August 26, 2011.

California Code of Regulations, title 2, chapter 2.5, section 1183.01, subdivision (c), provides that a party may request an extension of time before the date set for the filing of comments. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, ch. 2.5, § 1183.01, subd. (c)(1).) The Executive Director may approve a request filed by a state agency for good cause. (*Id.*, at § 1183.01, subd. (c)(1)(B).) The applicable regulations define "good cause" to include, but not be limited to, the following factors:

(1) the number and complexity of the issues raised; (2) a party is new to the case, or other counsel is needed; (3) the individual responsible for preparing the document has other time-limited commitments during the affected period; (4) the individual responsible for appearing at the hearing has other time-limited commitments; (5) illness of a party; (6) a personal emergency; (7) a planned vacation that cannot reasonably be rearranged; (8) a pending public records act request; and (9) any other factor, which in the context of a particular claim constitutes good cause. Good cause may be established by a specific showing of other

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obligations involving deadlines that as a practical matter preclude filing the document by the due date without impairing quality.

(Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 1181.1, subd. (h).)

The Test Claim filed by the County of Riverside on behalf of itself and other municipalities concerns permit requirements established in Santa Ana Water Board Order No. R8-2010-033. The Claimants contend that Order No. R8-2010-033 requires them to establish and implement many new programs and activities that are not required by federal law and that were not required in earlier versions of the challenged order. They seek a determination that these programs and activities are state mandates for which they should receive reimbursement. This Test Claim raises numerous and complex issues specific to Order No. R8-2010-0033.

I am the sole attorney responsible for responding to this matter, and my workload has substantially increased over the past year due to furloughs, retirements within the office, etc. Additionally, as is typical with the summer season, several key staff, including myself, have vacations that cannot be rescheduled.

For the reasons set forth above, the Santa Ana Water Board requests that the due date for written comments on the Test Claim be extended 60 days to August 26, 2011. The Santa Ana Water Board believes that good cause exists to allow the Commission to grant the requested extension and appreciates your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



David R. Rice
Staff Counsel

cc: Proof of Service
Service List

Commission on State Mandates

Original List Date: 2/14/2011
Last Updated: 3/21/2011
List Print Date: 06/20/2011
Claim Number: 10-TC-07
Issue: Santa Ana Region Water Permit - Riverside County

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**DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY EMAIL**

I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

I am a resident of the County of Solano and I am over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within action. My place of employment is 980 Ninth Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, California 95814.

On June 20, 2011, I served the:

SWRCB Request for Extension of Time to File Comments

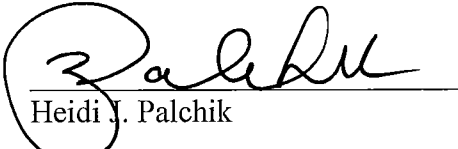
Santa Ana Region Water Permit – Riverside County, 10-TC-07

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, Order No. R8-2010-0033, effective January 29, 2010

Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District, County of Riverside, Cities of Beaumont, Corona, Hemet, Lake Elsinore, Moreno Valley, Perris and San Jacinto, Co-Claimants

by making it available on the Commission's website and providing notice of how to locate it to the email addresses provided on the attached mailing list.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on June 20, 2011 at Sacramento, California.


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