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Ms. Nancy Patton, Acting Executive Director
Commission on State Mandates
980 9th Street, Suite 300
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Test Claim No. 10-TC-12 "Water Conservation Act of 2009"

Dear Ms. Patton:

The Commission has graciously granted several extensions for this test claim to the Department of Finance and the Department of Water Resources. The most recent extension's deadline is December 7, 2012. The Departments of Water Resources and Finance seek another extension for several reasons.

Both departments have been unable to fashion a timely response given the scope, breadth, and complexity of the issues the test claim raises. The test claim involves four separate agencies potentially requiring an independent response to each claim, including extensive background and research. This alone has led to an unexpected and inordinate commitment of agency resources. The statutes and regulation at issue apply to over 500 urban and agricultural water suppliers state-wide, including the claimants. And as I have stated in prior requests, workload and competing priorities have made drafting a timely response difficult, particularly now as Finance is in the midst of performing its budgetary work.

The Departments of Water Resources and Finance would very much appreciate another 60-day extension by the Commission to February 6, 2013. I look forward to your prompt response since the deadline is approaching.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (916) 651-0874 or skenner@water.ca.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Spencer Kenner".

Spencer Kenner
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