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RE: BDCP Public Comment Period Extension Request

Dear Secretary Laird and Regional Directors Murrillo, Lohoefener and Stelle:

On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), I am writing to request a minimum extension of 60 days for responding to the draft Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) and draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR/EIS), which would extend the deadline to mid-August 2014. RCRC is an association of thirty-four rural California counties and the RCRC Board of Directors is comprised of elected supervisors from those member counties.

The Implementation Agreement (IA) is a critical element for review of the BDCP and as you know, the IA has not yet been released. The IA is woven into virtually every aspect of the BDCP, and RCRC therefore believes that the BDCP is not complete without the IA.

Additionally, the BDCP is certainly one of the most complex HCP/NCCP permit applications that has been attempted. For these reasons, RCRC respectfully requests an extension in order to adequately review and comment on the combined documents.

Sincerely,

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