



October 17, 2023

Karla Nemeth, Director  
California Department of Water Resources  
P.O. Box 942836, Room 1115-1  
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

**RE: Extension of Executive Order N-10-23**

Dear Director Nemeth:

On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), we write in support of our member counties seeking a 30-day extension of Executive Order N-10-23, currently set to expire on November 1, 2023. RCRC is an association of forty rural California counties and the RCRC Board of Directors is comprised of elected supervisors from each of those member counties. Our member counties of Merced and San Luis Obispo are also party to this letter due to their high level of interest in this matter.

The multiple storms of the 2022-23 winter season impacted several areas of the state, from the Central Coast to the Central Valley. Months out, many of our member counties across regions continue to recover from rain and flood impacts. Our member counties continue to organize recovery and repair efforts, assist those economically impacted, and work with local, state, and federal entities to facilitate full coordination and a unified response.

A 30-day extension of the executive order will ensure those recovery efforts are not prematurely curtailed and may fully proceed and be completed before the expiration of authorities and streamlining provisions enabled by the executive order. You may be aware, through letters directly from our member counties, of projects that would specifically benefit from the extension, including projects in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. However, a number of counties have similar projects that are underway and/or near completion and would benefit from an extension to allow counties to continue this work in advance of the 2023-24 winter season.

Should you have any questions or would like a follow up conversation, please contact me at [snag@rcrcnet.org](mailto:snag@rcrcnet.org) or 916-447-4806.

Sincerely,



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Policy Advocate

cc: Wade Crowfoot, Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency  
Chuck Bonham, Director, California Department of Fish and Wildlife

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