

August 8, 2000

Dear Interested Party:

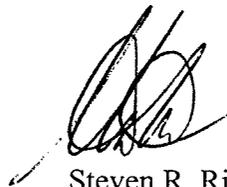
This responds to your request for additional time to review the CALFED Bay-Delta Program Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (Final Programmatic EIS/EIR).

The Final Programmatic EIS/EIR was not provided for a second period of public or agency review. After the Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Final Programmatic EIS/EIR was published in the Federal Register, the lead agencies must wait a minimum of 30 days before making a decision on the preferred alternative. The Record of Decision is scheduled to be signed in late August 2000, approximately 30 days after the NOA was published in the Federal Register. Since this is not a review period and because CALFED intends to sign the Record of Decision in late August, we do not intend to extend the waiting period beyond the original 30 days.

Lead agencies are not required to respond formally to comments on the Final Programmatic EIS/EIR however, if you wish, you may submit comments on the Final Programmatic EIS/EIR to the address provided above. Comments received during this 30-day waiting period will be submitted to CALFED decision makers for their consideration.

If you have any further questions, please contact Rick Breitenbach at (916) 657-2666.

Sincerely



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CALFED Agencies

California The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
The Reclamation Board
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board
Department of Food and Agriculture
Delta Protection Commission

Federal Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Geological Survey
Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. Forest Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service
Western Area Power Administration

FEIS/EIR Letters:

I want to establish a data base that has the following fields:

1. Letter # - start with 0001
2. Name
3. Address
4. Requested time extension – enter a Y for yes leave blank for no.
5. Affiliation: such as - Ag, local gov, env group, fisherman, etc.

6 – 28 These fields would correspond to the 23 Common Responses, a Y would be placed in the field if the letter mentioned that topic, left blank if not.

29. Other

Each letter will be reviewed by either myself or Chuck and a summary prepared, this will contain the information necessary to fill in the in the fields. The letter and summary will be given to Trina to assign a data base number and then enter the information. Trina will keep all of the letters and summaries in a sequential file.

Summary Sheet for Comments letters on FEIS/EIR:

Time Extension Requested: _____

Affiliation: Ag _____
Env. _____
Gov _____
Fish _____
Urban _____

(You can add to this list.)

Place a "Y" after the CR heading if the subject is mentioned in the letter. For CR4 and CR16 place an F after the Y if in favor of and an A if against. Example: YF under CR4 would indicate the comment was in favor of new storage.

- CR1
- CR2
- CR3
- CR4
- CR5
- CR6
- CR7
- CR8
- CR9
- CR10
- CR11
- CR12
- CR13
- CR14
- CR15
- CR16
- CR17
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- CR21
- CR22
- CR23

Other subjects: