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Chairwoman Felicia Marcus
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Dear Chairwoman Marcus:

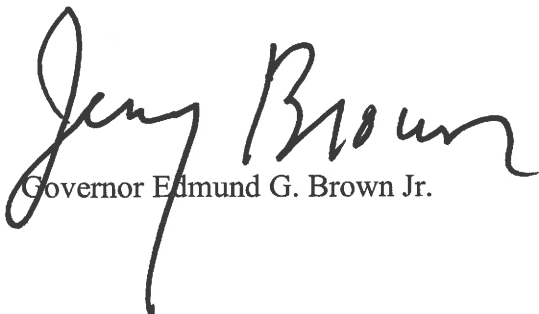
The Board is scheduled to take action tomorrow on a proposal to amend the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan, including changes to the minimum flow standards for the Lower San Joaquin River.

We respectfully request a postponement of this item until December 12, 2018.

For many months, state agencies, water districts and others have been working hard to achieve voluntary agreements that would meet the requirements of the amendment set for adoption. Significantly, these agreements would obligate water rights holders to improve stream flows and restore habitat.

A short extension will allow these negotiations to progress and could result in a faster, less contentious and more durable outcome. Voluntary agreements are preferable to a lengthy administrative process and the inevitable ensuing lawsuits. During this time, we pledge to actively and meaningfully engage to bring this vital matter to a successful closure.

We agree that the need to improve our aquatic ecosystems is urgent. A lasting and well-thought-out solution will benefit all Californians and our environment.



Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.



Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom

cc: Vice Chair Steven Moore, Board Member Tam M. Doduc, Board Member Dorene D'Adamo and Board Member Joaquin Esquivel