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Delta Stewardship Council
980 9th Street, Suite 1500
Sacramento, CA 95814
Sent via: eircomments@deltacouncil.ca.gov

Re: Draft Delta Plan Program Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

Dear Chairman Isenberg and Members of the Council:

On behalf of the thirty-one member counties of the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC), I am writing to request an extension of the comment period on the DEIR. As you know, the DEIR was released for public comment on November 4, 2011 and the 60 day comment period ends COB January 3, 2012.

RCRC believes that the 60 day comment period is grossly inadequate given that the DEIR is 2,200 plus pages in length, and coupled with the timing of the DEIRs release in the midst of the holiday season (Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years).

The Delta Stewardship Council (Council) has it within its power to extend the comment deadline pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. RCRC therefore urges the Council to extend the comment period to 120 days so that interested stakeholders have the opportunity to analyze the DEIR and develop their comments.

Please feel free to contact me at (916) 447-4806 or kmannion@rcrcnet.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kathy Mannion
Legislative Advocate