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November 15, 2011

EIR Comments
Delta Stewardship Council
980 Ninth Street, Suite 1500
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Delta Stewardship Council:

Due to the length of the Draft Delta Environmental Impact Report at over 2,000 pages, Tuolumne County recommends the Stewardship Council lengthen the review and comment time from 60 days to 120 days. In addition, the 60 day comment period overlaps the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years holidays. Due to the difficult financial climate, Tuolumne County government is furloughed the week of Thanksgiving and the two weeks during the Christmas/New Years time periods. This will make it difficult to prepare and deliver the comments by the deadline.

By having a shorter timeframe in which to comment, larger agencies with more personnel will have an advantage in reviewing the large EIR. Most of these larger agencies represent downstream constituencies, leaving the smaller agencies who contribute the water with less of a voice.

Please consider this request to lengthen the comment period to 120 days. The County of Tuolumne looks forward to receiving an answer at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,


John L. Gray, Chairman

cc: Regional Council of Rural Counties
Mountain Counties Water Resources Association
Tuolumne Utilities District

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