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Phil Isenberg, Chairman, and Council Members
Delta Stewardship Council
Attn: Christopher M. Knopp, Executive Officer
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REQUEST FOR TIME EXTENSION TO COMMENT PERIODS ON THE FINAL DELTA PLAN, SUPPLEMENT TO DRAFT PROGRAM EIR, AND DRAFT REGULATIONS FOR FINAL DELTA PLAN

At your meeting of November 15, 2012, the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) announced that the concurrent public review periods for the DSC's Final Delta Plan (FDP), the Supplement to the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report for the Final Delta Plan (SPEIR), and the corresponding Draft Regulations (DR) released by the California Office of Administrative Law will run for 45 days, from November 30, 2012 through January 14, 2013.

The City of Stockton (City) intends to thoroughly review and comment on the above-referenced documents. However, due to the complexity, importance, and significance of these documents on the City and San Joaquin County and the fact that the review periods fall during a major holiday season, the City is respectfully and officially requesting that the DSC extend the concurrent public review periods for an additional 90 days, ending on April 15, 2013. Also, as a result of its current fiscal crisis, the City has substantially reduced its staff and consultant resources and needs this time extension to facilitate an adequate review and response.

The City looks forward to your favorable response to our time extension request. The City is committed to our continued coordination with the DSC members and DSC staff in the review of these documents and the future adoption and implementation of the Delta Plan. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this request, please contact City Attorney John Luebberke at (209) 937-8934 or Michael Niblock, MMN Planning Solutions, at (209) 662-4754.

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