

## State Water Resources Control Board

January 7, 2026

To: Attached List of Commenters

### **Re: Requests to Extend the Comment Period and Delay the Hearing on the Revised Draft Sacramento/Delta Updates to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan and Chapter 13 of the Draft Staff Report**

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board or Board) received several requests<sup>1</sup> to extend the public comment period and delay the associated public hearing on the December 2025 revised draft Sacramento/Delta updates to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Watershed (Bay-Delta Plan or Plan) and supporting Chapter 13 of the draft Staff Report.

The Board had previously released a revised draft Plan update in July 2025, and delayed the comment period and hearing per the September 16, 2025 [Rescinded Notice](#).<sup>2</sup> The December 2025 revised draft Bay-Delta Plan is very similar to the July draft. In addition, Chapter 13 is largely consistent with analyses that have previously been provided to the public for review, including modeling results that were released in August 2025 and analyses included in the 2023 draft Staff Report. The State Water Board has also provided numerous opportunities through written public comment processes, public workshops and meetings, and other forums for public comment throughout the many year planning process for this update.

Updating the Sacramento/Delta components of the Bay-Delta Plan is one of the State Water Board's top priorities and the Board is working expeditiously to complete this update. Accordingly, while the Board is very interested in receiving productive public comments, the Board is not prepared to further delay the process for receiving those

<sup>1</sup> Defenders of Wildlife, San Francisco Baykeeper, Friends of the River, Yosemite Rivers Alliance, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, and Golden State Salmon Association requested extension of the comment period and a delay of the public hearing; Save California Salmon requested extension of the comment period and a delay of the public hearing; Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Winnemem Wintu Tribe, Little Manila Rising, and Restore the Delta (collectively the Delta Tribal Environmental Coalition) requested extension of the public comment period and a delay of the public hearing; and Sierra Club California requested an extension of the public comment period.

<sup>2</sup> Available: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/bay\\_delta/bay\\_delta\\_plan/docs/rescindednotice-baydeltaplanupdates-09-2025-en.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/bay_delta_plan/docs/rescindednotice-baydeltaplanupdates-09-2025-en.pdf)

comments by extending the current comment period or rescheduling the public hearing dates identified in the December 12, 2025 Notice.<sup>3</sup> The hearing remains scheduled for January 28-30, 2026, and written comments are due by February 2, 2026.

Board staff are available to meet with interested parties, including those that requested extensions of the comment period, to answer questions and facilitate review of the December 2025 revised draft Bay-Delta Plan and Chapter 13 of the draft Staff Report. Requests to meet with Board staff may be submitted to:  
SacDeltaComments@waterboards.ca.gov.

Comments on the revised draft Bay-Delta Plan and Chapter 13 of the draft Staff Report will inform development of a final draft of the Plan and final draft Staff Report. Both the final draft Staff Report and final draft of the Plan will be available for public review before being considered for adoption by the Board at a future Board meeting, where the public will again have the opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely,



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<sup>3</sup> Available: [https://waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/calendar/docs/2026/jan/notice-revdrftbdp.pdf](https://waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/docs/2026/jan/notice-revdrftbdp.pdf)

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