



# Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau

Affiliated with the California Farm Bureau Federation and the American Farm Bureau Federation

October 7, 2016

Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 100  
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

**Re: Request for Extension of Time to Comment – Cachuma Project Draft Order**

Dear Ms. Townsend:

The mission of Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau is to represent and promote agriculture in Santa Barbara County. We are concerned about the detrimental effect the Cachuma Project Order may have on our members whose livelihood depends on water from the Santa Ynez River.

The Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau respectfully joins the Cachuma Conservation Release Board in requesting a 45-day extension of time to comment on the Draft Order Amending Permits 11308 and 11310 (“Draft Order”).<sup>1</sup> The Draft Order involves many complex technical and scientific issues. Due consideration of those issues requires familiarity with an enormous administrative record spanning approximately sixteen years of planning, evidence, testimony, and other proceedings.

Evaluating and responding to the Draft Order’s conclusions by 12 Noon on October 25, 2016, as the Cover Letter for the Draft Order requires, would impose an unreasonable burden on the public. Granting this request for a 45-day extension will not unreasonably inconvenience or prejudice the Board, or any party to the hearing, but it will help the public greatly to properly review and provide meaningful comments on this document. For these reasons, the Farm Bureau respectfully requests an additional 45 days to provide comments on this Draft Order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Russell Doty'.

Russell Doty  
President  
Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau

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<sup>1</sup> See October 3, 2016 Cachuma Conservation Release Board “Request for Extension of Time to Comment” to the Board ([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/hearings/cachuma/docs/cachuma\\_crb\\_100316.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/hearings/cachuma/docs/cachuma_crb_100316.pdf)).

