



Santa Clara County Creeks Coalition

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Northern California Council
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13 October 2015

Mr. Gary Kremen, Chair
SCVWD
By email

Re: Request to deny the DFW request for extension for commenting on
the Admin Draft of the FAHCE EIR

Dear Mr. Kremen,

While the Creeks Coalition understands the understandable desire of the Department of Fish and Wildlife for additional time to comment on the Administrative Draft of the FAHCE EIR, we are writing to ask you to deny that request and instead encourage DFW to take the three months they need and submit those comments on the public draft EIR.

We believe that there is nothing to be achieved in delaying the process to accommodate additional comments by DFW. Many if not most of DFW concerns will be addressed by the comments from NOAA Fisheries and others. I note that there are no other requests for additional time from other parties in the agenda packet.

The District's purposes and the public's purposes can best be achieved by expediting the release of the Draft EIR to the public.

Please note that the CDFW letter includes a statement about "if requested by any inititalling parties" and no parties other the CDFW have requested an extension.

It will take more than 3 months to resolve these issues, but there is no value in delaying the release of the public draft EIR to accommodate that. Let CDFW take their three months and comment on the public draft.

Thank you for considering this request.

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Sincerely,

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