

**From:** [Osha Meserve](#)  
**To:** [WB-DWR-DCP-WR-Petition](#)  
**Cc:** [Lauffer, Michael@Waterboards](#); [Steffenson, David@DWR](#)  
**Subject:** Request for Extension of Time for DCP Protest Deadline  
**Date:** Thursday, March 28, 2024 4:50:03 PM  
**Attachments:** [2024-03-26 DCP Protest Extension.pdf](#)

---

EXTERNAL:

Dear DCP Project Staff,

My office represents several individuals, local agencies and other entities with grave concerns about the impact that DWR's water rights change petition for the Delta Conveyance Project would have on water rights and the public interest in the Delta. I am currently working with those clients to understand the implications of DWR's change petition, and to formulate protests thereto.

I hereby join in the request submitted on March 26, 2024 by the Delta Tribal Environmental Coalition, the California Indian Environmental Alliance, San Francisco Baykeeper, The Bay Institute, Friends of the River, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, Golden State Salmon Alliance, Institute for Fisheries' Resources, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations, Save California Salmon, AquAlliance, Sierra Club California, and Center for Biological Diversity for an extension of the protest deadline to ensure a sufficiently resourced, fair, and factually and legally relevant adjudication process.

In addition to the justifications explained in the March 26, 2024 letter, I would add that the SWRCB's determination (just 7 days after submittal of DWR's application) that the application was complete and ready to notice was a truncated and flawed process that failed to comport with laws and regulations pertaining to the SWRCB's processing of water rights petitions.

Last, I would note (as I did in the open public comment period of the last SWRCB meeting), that although SWRCB may have different hearing teams for different water rights matters, the rest of us do not. It is important as a matter of equity and to allow the full participation of all affected stakeholders, that the SWRCB avoid overlapping deadlines for important proceedings involving the Delta Watershed.

Thank you for considering this request.

-Osha Meserve

**Osha R. Meserve**  
*Soluri Meserve*  
510 8th Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

 tel: 916.455.7300 ■  fax: 916.244.7300 ■  mobile: 916.425.9914 ■  email: [osha@semlawyers.com](mailto:osha@semlawyers.com)

This email and any attachments thereto may contain private, confidential, and privileged material for the sole use of the intended recipient.