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Via Hand Delivered
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Ms. Mindi Cross
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Water Quality Compliance Section
1110 West Washington Street
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Re: **Mitigation Order on Consent Docket No. P-50-06**
Request For Mitigation Plan Implementation Schedule Extension

Dear Ms. Cross,

During the past couple of years, Sierrita has worked diligently to complete the tasks outlined in the mitigation plan schedule of the Sierrita Mitigation Order on Consent. Several of these tasks have been successfully completed. However, the acquisition of Arizona State Trust lands, which was critical for the completion of the well and conveyance system construction, was delayed one year due to circumstances beyond Sierrita's control. Due to this delay, Sierrita would like to formally request an extension of the mitigation Plan schedule that was submitted on March 18, 2010.

The proposed new schedule is provided for your review. The proposed schedule changes to note are detailed below. The proposed construction completion dates have been shifted approximately six months and the proposed submission date of the Revised Mitigation Plan has been shifted approximately ten months to reflect the delay in the state land purchase.

- **Construct and Complete the Wells Dependent of the Purchase of State Land**
 - Existing Date: 4/1/13, Proposed Date: 6/28/13
- **Construct and Complete the Conveyance System, and Associated Infrastructure Dependent on Purchase of State Land**
 - Existing Date: 6/27/13, Proposed Date: 12/16/13
- **System Complete and Operating**
 - Existing Date: 7/1/13, Proposed Date: 12/31/13
- **Submit Revised Mitigation Plan to ADEQ**
 - Existing Date: 2/1/13, Proposed Date: 12/31/13

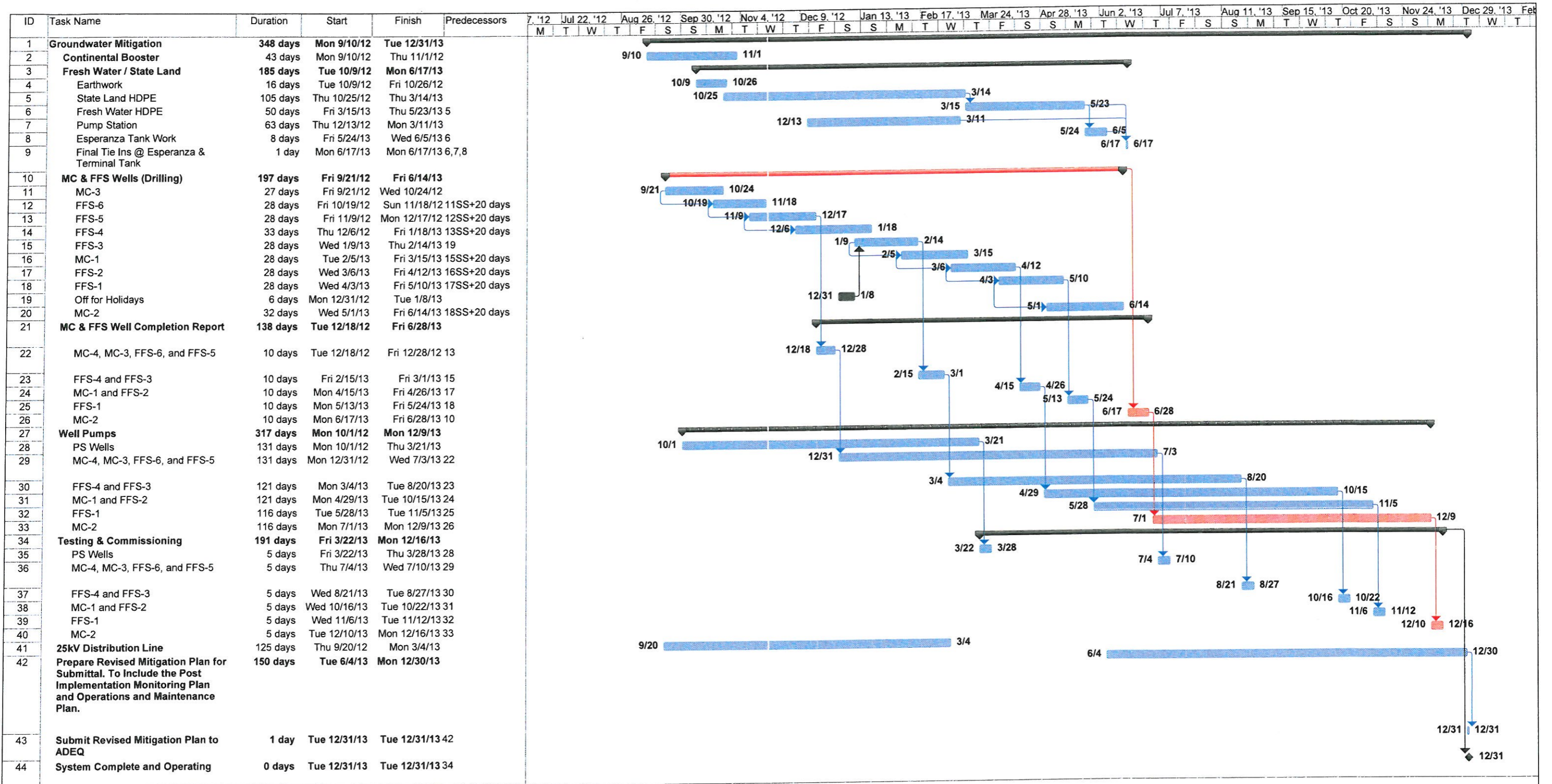
Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Stuart Brown at (602) 448-0972 or myself at (520) 393-2514, if you have any question regarding this this extension request.

Sincerely,

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Project: Project Sched 8-30-12 Date: Tue 11/20/12	Task		Rolled Up Milestone		Project Summary		Inactive Milestone		Manual Summary Rollup		Progress	
	Milestone		Rolled Up Progress		Group By Summary		Inactive Summary		Manual Summary		Deadline	
	Summary		Split		Inactive Task		Manual Task		Start-only			
	Rolled Up Task		External Tasks		Inactive Task		Duration-only		Finish-only			