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Independent Letter Review of State Water Project Delivery Capability Report Climate Change Enhancements

Dear Dr. Larsen:

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) requests the Delta Science Program's (DSP) assistance in conducting an external independent letter review of the subject topic. The State Water Project (SWP) Delivery Capability Report is a bi-annual report which provides information to water users about the current and future delivery capabilities of the SWP. The document is used extensively by water agencies throughout the state for water resource planning and drought preparedness. DWR recognizes the important challenges that climate change poses to the state and is working to expand and enhance the information it provides related to potential future conditions for California water resources.

DWR would like to use the DSP's established independent scientific peer review and advice processes to provide feedback on the analysis and climate adjustment steps that we have taken and to help shape ongoing efforts to continuously improve the information and guidance DWR provides to water users throughout the state. We would like the DSP to provide a two-part peer review: 1) review of our new climate adjusted historical conditions process and products used to simulate contemporary climate conditions (i.e., incorporation of climate changes that have already occurred); and 2) review of our new climate change planning scenarios development process and products for representing 2043 conditions in the 2023 SWP Delivery Capability Report and conditions further out into the future in subsequent reports and studies.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Andrew Schwarz at [Andrew.Schwarz@water.ca.gov](mailto:Andrew.Schwarz@water.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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