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## Delta Independent Science Board

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December 17, 2015

Mr. Randall Fiorini, Chair  
Delta Stewardship Council  
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Ms. Jessica Pearson, Executive Officer  
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Dear Chairman Fiorini and Executive Officer Pearson:

Several potentially diverse and complex Delta Plan Amendments could come to the Delta Independent Science Board for various levels and types of review from the Delta Stewardship Council. Organizing and conducting such reviews is an important duty of the Delta ISB, but could pose problems of coordination and consistency to make such reviews well-targeted and of high quality.

At the Board's December meeting, there was consensus that requests to the Board for review of amendments to the Delta Plan should generally come through and be vetted by the Lead Scientist. This is not greatly at variance from what recently occurred, with subsequent discussions with Delta ISB leadership prior to a Board meeting.

This would establish a protocol and provide Delta Stewardship Council staff with a knowledgeable local source of feedback for defining such requests. The Lead Scientist's involvement also can help integrate Plan amendment reviews with other DISB business in ways that serve the Delta Stewardship Council and the rest of the Delta management community.

We look forward to the timely review of the Delta Plan performance measures development process, as these materials become available.

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jay R. Lund".

Jay Lund, Chair  
Delta Independent Science Board