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Ms. Susan Fry
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Ms. Laura King Moon
Chief Deputy Director
California Department of Water Resources
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Fry and Ms. King Moon:

Re: Independent Review Panel's Report for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) Effects Analysis, Phase 3

The Delta Science Program is pleased to present the enclosed independent scientific review report titled, "Delta Science Program Independent Review Panel Report: BDCP Effects Analysis Review, Phase 3." The transmittal of this report fulfills the request from the BDCP participants to provide independent external scientific review of BDCP Chapter 5: Effects Analysis and its associated technical appendices.

The goal of the Phase 3 review was to provide the BDCP participants with an assessment of the scientific quality of BDCP Chapter 5: Effects Analysis to inform future refinement of the Effects Analysis. Phase 1 of the review (completed in November 2011) included an early assessment of the scientific quality of the Conceptual Foundation and Analytical Framework and the Entrainment Appendix as an example of the application of the conceptual understanding, methods and analyses discussed in the Conceptual Foundation and Analytical Framework. The Phase 2 review (completed in June 2012) evaluated early drafts of BDCP Chapter 5: Effects Analysis and many of the associated technical appendices.

The independent review panel consisted of Dr. Alex Parker (Panel Chair), Prof. Charles "Si" Simenstad (Lead Author), Dr. T. Luke George, Dr. Nancy Monsen, Dr. Tom Parker, Dr. Greg Ruggerone, and Dr. John Skalski. These panel members were selected for their expertise and reputation in the fields of aquatic ecology/food webs, pelagic/native fish, terrestrial ecology, Delta hydrodynamics, plant communities, anadromous fish, and fishery population dynamics and modeling. The panel met publicly on January 28-29, 2014.

Detailed information on the BDCP Effects Analysis Review can be found on the Delta Science Program web page (<http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/science-program/independent-review-draft-bay-delta-conservation-plan-effects-analysis>). The Delta Science Program was pleased to assist in the

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process for evaluating components of the BDCP Effects Analysis through this open and transparent peer review.

If there are questions about the BDCP Effects Analysis Review, independent review panel report, or the overall process, please contact Lindsay Correa, Senior Environmental Scientist (916) 445-0092.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. Goodwin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "P" and a clear, legible name.

Peter Goodwin, Ph.D.
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Enclosure