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To: Delta Stewardship Council

From: Delta Independent Science Board

Re: Habitat Restoration in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh:  
A Review of Science Programs

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The Delta Independent Science Board is pleased to release the final draft of our first review of science programs in support of adaptive management in the Delta.<sup>1</sup>

The Board decided to organize its reviews of Delta scientific programs based on the subjects scientists are addressing rather than by the institutional homes of scientists. This supports the Board's efforts to promote integrated rather than silo science. This approach allows the Board to assess how scientists across the agencies, as well as in universities, private companies, and nongovernmental organizations, are working together in support of Delta research, monitoring, and assessment.

The Board chose to review science in support of the adaptive management of key, broad issues identified in the Delta Plan. This first review addresses habitat restoration in the Delta and Suisun Marsh. Special attention has been given to the use of adaptive management, especially in the context of climate change.

The Board would like to express its appreciation to the many individual scientists who devoted considerable time and effort preparing and making presentations to the Board and responding to our queries. This review also depended on the skilled guidance and support efforts provided by the staff of the Delta Science Program.

Attachment

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<sup>1</sup> The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 stipulates (Chapter 5, 85280(3)): *The Delta Independent Science Board shall provide oversight of scientific research, monitoring, and assessment programs that support adaptive management of the Delta through periodic reviews of each of those programs that shall be scheduled to ensure that all scientific research, monitoring, and assessment programs are reviewed at least once every four years.*

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