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Dear Mr. Grindstaff and Mr. Machado:

Re: Independent Review Panel's Report on the Economic Sustainability Plan for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta

The Delta Science Program is pleased to present the enclosed review report entitled "Independent Panel Review of the Economic Sustainability Plan for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta." The transmittal of this report fulfills a request from the Delta Stewardship Council and the Delta Protection Commission (DPC) to provide an independent external review of the October 10, 2011 draft of the Delta Protection Commission Economic Sustainability Plan.

The Delta Reform Act tasked the DPC with developing an Economic Sustainability Plan that includes information and recommendations to inform the Delta Stewardship Council's policies regarding the socioeconomic sustainability of the Delta region. The goal of this independent peer review was to assess the scientific and technical quality of the Economic Sustainability Plan and to make recommendations for how the plan might be improved with respect to achieving stated goals.

The independent review panel consisted of two levee engineers, Dr. Robert Gilbert (Chair) and Dr. William F. Marcuson III, and three economists, Dr. Richard M. Adams (Lead Author), Dr. Janie M. Chermak and Dr. Thomas Harris. The panel met in a public meeting on November 1-2, 2011.

The Delta Science Program was pleased to provide open, transparent peer-review of the Economic Sustainability Plan. Detailed information on the review can be found on the Delta Science Program web page (<http://www.deltacouncil.ca.gov/science-event-detail/4120>)

"Coequal goals" means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place."

If there are questions about the Economic Sustainability Plan Review, independent review panel report, or the overall process, please contact Lauren Hastings, Deputy Executive Officer for Science, at (916) 445-5026.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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