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Dear Director Oh,

On behalf of the Delta Stewardship Council, I'm writing to express our deep appreciation for our long-standing and important partnership with California Sea Grant (CASG).

Our collaboration, dating back to 2003, has been invaluable to the Council's mission of advancing the coequal goals for the Delta, including the Delta Science Program's mission of providing the best available science for water and environmental decision-making.

Key elements of our collaboration include:

- **Advancing management-relevant research**—your program has supported us in independently reviewing over 481 projects for competitive funding, which have offered critical research insights, on issues ranging from sea level rise to salmon recovery, and directly informed state and federal policies, permits and regulations.
- **Training future leaders**—Sea Grant has also been a critical partner in strengthening the region's talent pipeline, by training over 122 Delta Research Fellows and 50 State Policy Fellows, many of whom are now in leadership roles across government and academia.
- **Promoting social science integration**—CASG's social science extension specialist provided critical support for advancing interdisciplinary research in the Delta and piloted the first-ever Delta Resident Survey, to better characterize Delta resident values and perspectives and better serve them.

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- **Diversifying subject-matter experts**—CASG has also been an important partner in exploring and advancing best practices for diversifying subject-matter expertise, from different disciplines and institutions.
- **Connecting to global networks**—CASG’s national and international network, has helped to expand our access to experts, our reach and has helped to foster broader knowledge exchange.

Looking ahead, we are eager to continue and build upon these important collaborations. We thank you for your leadership and commitment to science-driven solutions and look forward to continuing our partnership.

Sincerely,

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