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RE: Request for review of draft 2022-2026 Science Action Agenda

Dear Members of the Delta Independent Science Board (ISB):

The Delta Science Program would like to formally request a review of the draft 2022-2026 Science Action Agenda (SAA). The SAA is a science agenda developed by and for the Delta science community that provides a framework to address persistent, emerging, and forthcoming scientific uncertainties. The draft SAA is a result of a collaborative, multi-phase, and nearly 18-month process that involved input from the Delta science community at every step. As detailed in the draft, the Delta Science Program hosted two public workshops, disseminated four online surveys, and presented at multiple collaborative group and board meetings, including the Delta ISB's March 2021 meeting.

The Delta ISB is requested to review the entirety of the draft, including the top 25 Science Actions, the explanation of the development process, and the existing gaps and uncertainties. The questions below may be useful in guiding the review.

#### **General questions:**

1. How well does the draft SAA meet its objective of prioritizing and aligning science actions to address pressing management gaps?

Regarding Draft 2022-2026 SAA review, Delta ISB members, November 19, 2021

2. How well does the draft SAA make connections and draw information from the Delta ISB's Science Needs Assessment and reviews, and other external efforts?
3. Were the opportunities for public engagement in the development of the draft SAA appropriate given the scope of the process and document?

**Introduction:**

1. Does the draft make a compelling case for the value of the SAA to the Delta science community?
2. Are the various components of the draft SAA and development process clearly explained in the draft?

**Tracking Success:**

1. Does the draft explain how progress made on the 2017-2021 SAA informed the 2022-2026 SAA development process?

**Management Needs, Management Questions, and Science Actions:**

1. How well do the six Management Needs capture pressing gaps to be addressed by science activities in the next four to five years?
2. Do the selected Management Questions provide useful links between the Management Needs and Science Actions?
3. How well do the top 25 Science Actions capture the need to address the management and scientific uncertainty?

**Appendices:**

1. Do the appendices provide the appropriate supporting material?

**Review Material:**

2022-2026 Science Action Agenda – Public Review Draft

If possible, please provide your comments within 60 days or by January 21, 2022. The Delta Science Program is requesting this review from the Delta ISB concurrent with the public review period. This will allow for all comments to be thoroughly considered before the final draft is completed.

If you have any questions, please contact [SAA@deltacouncil.ca.gov](mailto:SAA@deltacouncil.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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