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## **RE: Congratulations on Hosting a Successful IEP Workshop**

The Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB) would like to congratulate the organizers of the 2024 Interagency Ecological Program Workshop for hosting an inspiring event this spring. Many Delta ISB members were able to attend and were impressed by the great oral presentations, engaging poster sessions, and relevant and thought-provoking keynote speakers. This workshop was a valuable opportunity for attendees to expand their knowledge of the detailed and decision-relevant work of agency scientists, scholars, and students conducting research in the region. Having diverse presentations at one event contributes to a holistic understanding of the Delta system.

As a Board made up of scientists from across the United States, the work presented provided a useful overview of the research and monitoring in the region and sparked insightful discussions that will have broader implications for Delta management. The significant representation of early-career scientists and student researchers was encouraging. These presenters are the future leaders in the Delta region, and we were inspired by the many bright and passionate thinkers who presented.

The contaminants session was of particular interest to Delta ISB members, as we are exploring a review on topic. The session was a great opportunity to learn about

the state of current research on this important issue. We encourage the organizers to consider inviting more speakers with expertise in climate change, hydrology, and/or biophysical modeling to participate in future workshops to complement the many interesting ecological talks. Advancing cross-disciplinary discussion will be important for anticipating changing system structures and functions.

The workshop was well organized and well attended, a sign of the dedicated work of the IEP workshop organizers. We appreciate that this workshop offers a rare opportunity for the interagency scientific communication and collaboration that is needed to examine complex issues from a variety of scales and system perspectives. It is also an excellent venue for early career scientists to gain valuable science communication experience. We hope to continue participating in IEP workshops in the future.

Sincerely,



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