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RE: Request for Independent Peer Review of HEC-ResSim Water Temperature Simulation Model

Dear Dr. Mooney,

The Delta Stewardship Council's (Council) Delta Science Program is pleased to respond to the Bureau of Reclamation's (Reclamation) request to convene an independent review panel (Panel) to review Reclamation's HEC ResSim Water Temperature Model Platform.

The mission of the Delta Science Program is to provide the best possible unbiased scientific information to inform management and decision-making in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. One of the ways that the Delta Science Program continues to advance that mission is by convening independent peer reviews and advisory panels to evaluate scientific and technical processes, programs, plans, and products.

This review will follow the Delta Science Program's policies and procedures for convening independent scientific reviews, as outlined in Appendices H and I of the Delta Science Plan (<u>https://deltascienceplan.deltacouncil.ca.gov/</u>).

We look forward to working with Reclamation staff to convene this independent review panel. If there are questions about this response to your request for peer review, please contact Ash Zemenick, Senior Environmental Scientist, at <u>reviewadvice@deltacouncil.ca.gov.</u>

Sincerely,

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