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Request for Independent Peer Review of Lines for Evidence for Effects on Fish from the Long-Term Operation of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project

Dear Dr. Windham-Myers:

The Bureau of Reclamation requests the Delta Science Program's (DSP) assistance in conducting an external independent peer review on new lines of evidence to inform and evaluate Delta operational alternatives.

Reclamation seeks to use the DSP independent scientific peer review process to improve the science informing decisions that are important to the water supplies the people of California and listed species depend upon. The aim of the review is to evaluate the scientific strengths and limitations of this new information for understanding the effects of CVP and SWP export operations on ESA-listed species populations. We would like the review to consider how this new information may be applied to inform risk to listed individuals, populations, and diversity groups of target species resulting from entrainment effects as well as potential opportunities to improve the scientific analyses. Results of the independent review would be used to evaluate different operational alternatives for the CVP and potentially the SWP.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Dr. Joshua Israel at jaisrael@usbr.gov or 916-296-8792.

Sincerely,

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