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Spencer Walden
Deputy Area Office Manager (Acting), Bay-Delta Office
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
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Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: 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 Mr. Walden,

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 New Lines for Evidence for Effects on Fish from the Long-Term Operation of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project.

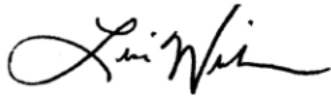
The mission of the Delta Science Program is to provide the best possible unbiased scientific information to inform management and decision-making in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. One of the ways that the Delta Science Program continues to advance that mission is by convening independent peer reviews 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 Resource G of the Delta Science Plan (<https://deltascienceplan.deltacouncil.ca.gov/>).

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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 reviewadvice@deltacouncil.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisamarie' followed by a stylized surname.

Lisamarie Windham-Myers, Ph.D.
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