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May 31, 2024

John Yarbrough, State Water Project Deputy Director
Department of Water Resources
715 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
Delivered via email: John.Yarbrough@water.ca.gov

Re: Independent Letter Reviews of the Methodology for the Summer-Fall Habitat Action Monitoring and Science Plans

Dear Mr. Yarbrough:

The Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Science Program is pleased to announce the completion of the independent scientific peer review panel for the methodology of the Delta Smelt Summer-Fall Habitat Action (SFHA) Monitoring and Science Plans and decision approach. The panel members have completed their individually authored letter reviews, and the courtesy copy of the letters is attached to the email. The final, accessible document will be publicly available on our website in mid-June: <https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-science-program/summer-fall-habitat-action-monitoring-and-science-plans-and-structured-decision-making-approach-peer-review>.

The panel members responded to questions aligned with their respective expertise posed in the Charge to the Panel. They provided recommendations for the Delta Coordination Group and Incidental Take Permit Adaptive Management Team to consider as they implement and adaptively manage the SFHA.

Regarding the Independent Panel Review of the methodology for the Delta Smelt Summer-Fall Habitat Action Monitoring and Science Plans, John Yarbrough, May 31, 2024

If there are questions about the final letter reviews please contact Aaron Angel, Environmental Scientist at aaron.angel@deltacouncil.ca.gov or 916-902-6498.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisamarie Windham-Myers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Lisamarie Windham-Myers, Ph.D.
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Summer-Fall Habitat Action Monitoring and Science Plans Peer Review Panel Final Letters

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