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RE: Draft Fish and Aquatic Effects Analysis Independent Peer Review

Dear Mr. Mooney:

The Delta Science Program has received the Bureau of Reclamation's request for assistance in conducting an external independent peer review on the Draft Fish and Aquatic Effects Analysis for Biological Assessment associated with the 2021 Reinitiation of Consultation of the Long-Term Operation of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project.

We accept the request and will proceed by working with the Bureau of Reclamation to develop a draft charge for the panel. Details of this process and our facilitation of the independent peer review panel can be found in Appendix H of the [2019 Delta Science Plan](#).

Questions about this specific review can be directed to myself or Aaron Angel at aaron.angel@deltacouncil.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurel E. Larsen".

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