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Ted Craddock, State Water Project Deputy Director
California Department of Water Resources
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Delivered via email: Ted.Craddock@water.ca.gov

RE: Independent Letter Review of State Water Project Delivery Capacity Report Climate Change Enhancements

Dear Mr. Craddock:

The Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Science Program (DSP) is pleased to accept the request of the Department of Water Resources (by letter dated March 15, 2023) to convene an independent scientific panel to review the State Water Project Delivery Capacity Report Climate Change Enhancements.

The DSP mission is to provide the best possible scientific information to guide management and inform decision-making in the Bay-Delta system. One of the ways that the DSP advances that mission is by convening independent peer review panels to evaluate scientific and technical processes, programs, plans, and products.

As requested, this review will be conducted in two parts, focused on: 1) climate adjusted historical hydrology, and 2) new risk-informed planning scenarios for future conditions. The review will follow the Delta Science Program's policy and procedures for independent scientific reviews, as outlined in Appendix H of the Delta Science Plan (<https://deltascienceplan.deltacouncil.ca.gov/>).

Regarding Independent Letter Review of State Water Project Delivery Capacity Report Climate Change Enhancements, Ted Craddock, March 2023

We look forward to working with your staff to convene this independent review panel. If there are questions about this response to your request for peer review or the review process, please contact Jill Harris, PhD, Senior Environmental Scientist, at Jill.Harris@deltacouncil.ca.gov or (916) 902-6576.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurel E. Larsen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Laurel Larsen, PhD
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