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Re: Water Temperature Model Development Independent Advisory Panel

Dear Dr. Mooney:

The Delta Stewardship Council's (Council) Delta Science Program is pleased to respond to the Bureau of Reclamation's (Reclamation) request, dated January 24, 2022, to convene an independent advisory panel (Panel) to review Reclamation's Water Temperature Models (WTM) and frameworks for the Central Valley Project's reservoirs and stream reaches.

The mission of the Delta Science Program 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 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 Appendices H and I of the Delta Science Plan (<https://deltascienceplan.deltacouncil.ca.gov/>).

We look forward to working with your staff to convene this independent advisory panel. If there are questions about this response to your request for peer review, please contact Dylan Stern, Program Manager, at Dylan.Stern@deltacouncil.ca.gov or (916) 8879-8298.

Sincerely,

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

Laurel Larsen, Ph.D.
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