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Subject: Response to the Delta Science Program Peer Review of the Fish and Aquatics Effects Analysis

for the Long-term Operations of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project

Dear Dr. Windham-Myers:

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) appreciates the Delta Science Program (DSP) and panel reviewers' participation in review of the Fish and Aquatic Effects Analysis for the Long-term Operations of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project. Peer review is a critical component of Reclamation's Information Quality Agenda and helps to ensures a strong and systematic science process informs the Coordinated Long-term Operation of the Central Valley Project (CVP) and State Water Project (SWP).

The Federal Agencies appreciate the panel participants Drs. Kenneth Rose, Henriette Jager, Nancy Monsen, Zhoajun Bai, and Emily Howe and the DSP's leadership and constructive role in facilitating the Panel Review. We are currently evaluating opportunities to incorporate the Peer Review feedback and recommendations and will be providing our responses as part of Reclamation's Peer Review Report on our Peer Review website.

Thank you again for your participation in the Fish and Aquatics Panel Review. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Joshua Israel at 916-414-2405 or via email at jaisrael@usbr.gov.

Sincerely,

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