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RE: Request for Extension for Submitting Comments on the Delta Conveyance Project Environmental Impact Report

Dear Director Nemeth,

In accordance with our responsibilities to provide scientific oversight of programs that support adaptive management, as specified in the Delta Reform Act of 2009, the Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB) is in the process of reviewing the draft Delta Conveyance Project Environmental Impact Report (DCP EIR), which was released for public comment in July 2022. I am writing to request that the Delta ISB be given a 30-day extension for submitting comments to the DCP EIR.

We have been actively working to review the document, but more time would be helpful for the following reasons.

- First, we are finding that the main chapters do not have sufficient information to judge the quality of methods and sources of uncertainty, and so we need more time to review the appendices and other supporting materials.
- Second, we are finding it necessary to reread some chapters after first reading related chapters to better understand and compare methods and impacts across resources.
- Third, the review period coincides with the start of the academic year, which is a particularly busy time for most Delta ISB members.

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For all these reasons, we request an extension to November 30, 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Wainger", written in a cursive style.

Lisa Wainger, Ph.D.
Chair, Delta Independent Science Board

CC:

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