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## **Re: Peer Review of Ecosystem Amendment Performance Measures**

The Delta Science Program is pleased to present the enclosed final reports for the independent scientific peer review of performance measures associated with the amendments to Chapter 4 of the Delta Plan (Ecosystem Amendment). The transmittal of these reports fulfills a request from the Delta Stewardship Council's (Council) Planning Division to facilitate an external peer review for five Output-Outcome Performance Measures that Council staff have proposed as a part of the ongoing Ecosystem Amendment. Upon request from the Planning Division, the Delta Science Program agreed in September 2019 to manage the independent scientific review effort.

Each independent reviewer evaluated the detailed datasheets for a subset of the five performance measures and submitted an independent report with responses to the charge questions. Reviewers assessed whether the respective measures included quantitative metrics and measurable targets, are based on best available scientific information, and provide appropriate and informative evaluations of progress toward the attainment of the proposed Ecosystem Amendment goals and strategies.

The group of independent reviewers consisted of Dr. Anna Sturrock, Dr. John G. Williams, Dr. Rebecca Buchanan, Dr. Josh Collins, Dr. Kristin Byrd, and Dr. Stephen Crooks. These reviewers were selected for their expertise relevant to the proposed performance measures.

If there are questions about the independent peer reviewer reports or the science review process, please contact Rachael Klopfenstein, Delta Science Program, at (916) 445-5088.

Sincerely,

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*"Coequal goals" means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place."*

– State Water Code §85054

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Callaway". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Callaway" clearly distinguishable.

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Enclosure