
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Dear Dr. Callaway,

Thank you for submitting the Delta Mercury Control Program Phase 1 Methylmercury Control Studies Independent Scientific Review (Control Studies Review) on 9 August 2019. The information provided in the Control Studies Review will be used by Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff when considering revisions to the Delta Mercury Control Program.

The Central Valley Water Board requested the Delta Science Program to convene an independent scientific review panel (Review Panel) to evaluate the final reports of control studies submitted by methylmercury dischargers in the Delta. The Central Valley Water Board provided a charge that tasked the Review Panel with assessing the control studies' compliance with approved work plans and the scientific validity of the studies' conclusions. The Review Panel's findings were provided in the Control Studies Review, which Central Valley Water Board staff found to meet the objectives of the charge.

We appreciate the Review Panel's evaluation of the seven completed control study reports. We look forward to receiving the Review Panel's evaluation of the two remaining reports in 2020 for tidal wetlands and open water control studies.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Executive Officer

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