



## Delta Science Program

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## **Re: Water Temperature Model Platform (WTMP) Development Independent Review Panel**

Dear Dr. Mooney:

The Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Science Program is pleased to announce that the independent review panel (Panel) for Reclamation's Water Temperature Modeling Platform (WTMP) for the Central Valley Project has completed their Final Review. The review report is now publicly available at <https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-science-program/water-temperature-model-development-independent-advisory-panel>.

Overall, the Panel was pleased with Reclamation's efforts to respond to the Panel's mid-term review's recommendations, which they felt were adequately addressed. Additionally, the panel praised the open and transparent process in which the modeling platform was developed and commended Reclamation's high-quality documentation, state-of-the-art data management system, and contemporary

model development. The Panel responded to the thirteen questions posed in the charge to the Panel and provided additional recommendations for Reclamation to consider as they finalize the WTMP.

If there are questions about the Final Report please contact Tricia Lee, Sr. Environmental Scientist at [tricia.lee@deltacouncil.ca.gov](mailto:tricia.lee@deltacouncil.ca.gov) or 916-902-6569.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurel E. Larsen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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CVP Water Temperature Model Platform Review – Final Report

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