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RE: Independent Letter Review of the Draft Healthy Rivers and Landscape Science Plan

Dear Dr. Conrad,

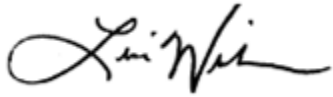
The Delta Stewardship Council's (Council) Delta Science Program is pleased to respond to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) request to convene an independent review of the Healthy Rivers and Landscape (HRL) Science Plan.

The mission of the Delta Science Program is to provide the best possible unbiased scientific information to inform management and decision-making in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. One of the ways that the Delta Science Program continues to advance that mission is by convening independent peer reviews and advisory panels to evaluate scientific and technical processes, programs, plans, and products.

This review will follow the Delta Science Program's policies and procedures for convening independent scientific reviews, as outlined in Appendices H and I of the Delta Science Plan (<https://deltascienceplan.deltacouncil.ca.gov/>).

We look forward to working with DWR staff and members of the HRL Science Committee to convene this independent review. If there are questions about this response to your request for peer review, please contact Kim Luke, Environmental Scientist, at reviewadvice@deltacouncil.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisamarie Windham-Myers'.

Lisamarie Windham-Myers, Ph.D.
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