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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 Delta Science Program is pleased to announce the completion of the independent scientific peer review of the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Science Plan. The Review members have completed their reports, and the courtesy copy is attached to this email.

Next steps include adding the final, accessible document to our website (<a href="https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-science-program/healthy-rivers-and-landscapes-science-plan-independent-peer-review">https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-science-program/healthy-rivers-and-landscapes-science-plan-independent-peer-review</a>) and sending a Delta Stewardship Council listserv announcement in mid July.

The Review members responded to Charge questions aligned with their respective expertise. They provide recommendations regarding the Science Plan's hypotheses, metrics and covariates, identified needs for monitoring and evaluation, identified priority information gaps, and plans for data management and decision-making tools.

If there are questions about the final report please contact Kim Luke, Environmental Scientist, at <a href="mailto:reviewadvice@deltacouncil.ca.gov">reviewadvice@deltacouncil.ca.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

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Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Science Plan Independent Peer Review Report

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