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To: CAMT Salmon Scoping Team
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RE: External Science Reviews of the *Identification and Prioritization of Gaps in the Current Understanding of the Water Project-Linked Effects on Juvenile Salmonid in the South Delta*: Proposed Approach

Executive Officer
Jessica R. Pearson

Dear Dr. Hanson and Dr. Schiewe,

In response to your request for an external expert review and in accordance with the Delta Science Program mission to provide best available scientific information to assist decision making in the Delta, we have asked four independent experts to review the proposed approach for *Identification and Prioritization of Gaps in the Current Understanding of the Water Project-Linked Effects on Juvenile Salmonid Survival in the South Delta*.

Enclosed are the review comments and specific recommendations from:

Denise Reed, Ph.D., Water Institute of the Gulf
Gordon Reeves, Ph.D., Oregon State University
Charles Simenstad, Ph.D., University of Washington
John G. Williams, Ph.D., Consultant

We hope that these reviews are constructive and timely to your effort. The Delta Science Program is prepared to convene a more formal panel review in the late stages of your synthesis effort. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Martina Koller, Senior Environmental Scientist, Delta Science Program, at (916) 445-5838.

Sincerely,

Peter Goodwin, Ph.D.
Lead Scientist, Delta Science Program

"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."

– CA Water Code §85054

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Enclosure: Single File External Science Reviews