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Re: Report of the Delta Science Program Independent Review Panel (IRP) on the CAMT Investigations on Understanding Population Effects and Factors that Affect Entrainment of Delta Smelt at State Water Project and Central Valley Project

Dear Dr. Connor and Mr. Winternitz:

The Delta Science Program is pleased to present the enclosed review report entitled ***“Independent Review Panel (IRP) Report of the Collaborative Adaptive Management Team (CAMT) Proposed Investigations on Understanding Population Effects and Factors that Affect Entrainment of Delta Smelt at State Water Project and Central Valley Project”***. The transmittal of this report fulfills a request from the Collaborative Adaptive Management Team (CAMT) Delta Smelt Scoping Team (DSST) to provide an independent external review of proposed *“Investigations on Understanding Population Effects and Factors that Affect Entrainment of Delta Smelt at State Water Project and Central Valley Project”*.

The overall goal of this peer review was to inform the CAMT and its Delta Smelt Scoping Team on the scientific quality of the proposed investigations. The review considered the proposal as an integrated study as well as reviewed each sub-proposal independently, and provided recommendations for temporal spatial scaling across data and models, linking conceptual models and improved proposal scheduling.

The independent review panel consisted of Dr. James J. Anderson (Lead Author), Dr. James H. Cowan, Dr. Nancy E. Monsen, Dr. Don L. Stevens (Panel Chair), and Dr. Scott Wright. These panel members were selected for their expertise and reputation concerning fisheries ecology, population biology, hydrodynamics, environmental statistics, and sediment transport. The panel met in public meeting on November 14, 2014.

Detailed information on this and other reviews conducted by the Delta Science Program can be found on the [Delta Science Program website](http://www.deltascience.org). The Delta Science Program was pleased to assist in

“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.”

– State Water Code §85054

the process of evaluating the scientific integrity and quality of the direct research investigations under the CAMT process through open and transparent scientific peer review.

If there are questions about the review, IRP report or the overall process, please contact Martina Koller, Senior Environmental Scientist, Delta Science Program, at (916) 445-5838.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "P. Goodwin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Enclosure

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