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Dear Mr. Grober:

**Re: Workshop on Interior Delta Flows and Related Stressors - Panel Summary Report**

The Delta Science Program is pleased to present the enclosed report titled, "Workshop on the Interior Delta Flows and Related Stressors, Panel Summary Report." The transmittal of this report fulfills a request from the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to conduct workshops to help resolve some of the key scientific uncertainties and disagreements associated with its comprehensive review of the 2006 Water Quality Control Plan for the Bay-Delta (Bay-Delta Plan).

The subject report was written by an independent review panel engaged by the Delta Science Program to review and synthesize information from a variety of sources including selected video recordings from the State Water Board's fall 2012 Bay-Delta Plan workshops, published scientific papers, agency reports, and participating in a public workshop held April 16-17, 2014. A workshop planning committee with broad stakeholder and agency representation provided valuable input on the charge to the review panel, the materials for review, and workshop presentations.

The independent review panel consisted of Dr. Stephen Monismith (Panel Chair), Dr. Mary Fabrizio, Dr. Michael Healey, Dr. John Nestler, Dr. Kenneth Rose, and Dr. John Van Sickle. These panel members were selected for their expertise and reputation concerning fisheries biology, hydrology, estuarine ecology, hydrodynamics, the effects of flow on fish behavior, and environmental statistics.

Detailed information on the Workshop on Interior Delta Flows and Related Stressors can be found on the Delta Science Program web page (<http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/science-event/10470>). The Delta Science Program was pleased to assist the State Water Board with this part of its comprehensive review of the Bay-Delta Plan through an open and transparent process of scientific review and synthesis.

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*"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

If there are questions about the Workshop on Interior Delta Flows and Related Stressors report, or the overall process, please contact Sam Harader, Program Manager, Delta Science Program, at (916) 445-5466.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "P. Goodwin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "P" and "G".

Peter Goodwin, Ph.D.  
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Enclosure