



July 25, 2012

Mr. Richard Norgaard, Chair
Delta Independent Science Board
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Dear Mr. Norgaard: *Dick*

Thank you for your thoughtful review and insightful recommendations regarding integration of BDCP science and improving the reviewability of BDCP draft documents. Getting straight to the point, we agree with both of your recommendations, and would like to schedule a meeting soon to discuss our ideas on with you.

We share your desire to structure the BDCP science program in a way that will build collaboration, consensus and trust in Delta science. We understand the need to integrate with - not just coordinate with - the existing DSP and IEP efforts. We have been considering how best to provide that integration, recognizing that the BDCP science and monitoring efforts will necessarily have separate components and structure reflecting the regulatory requirements of the Plan. We have developed some principles that we would like to share with you before we complete the re-drafting of the related portions of the document.

With regard to the recommendation that we prepare chapter summaries for the Plan and the EIR/S, we recognize the value that would provide. We are still considering the best way to provide a user-friendly version of the very lengthy documents, so that reviewers can easily find the key points and conclusions.

Thank you again for your advice, and we look forward to discussing these ideas further in the near future. I will ask my assistant, Carlie, to schedule a meeting at your convenience.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry".

Gerald Meral, Deputy Secretary

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