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## State Water Resources Control Board

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Diane Riddle  
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**SUBJECT: FINAL RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF THE FINAL DRAFT SCIENTIFIC BASIS REPORT SUPPLEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED VOLUNTARY AGREEMENTS FOR THE SACRAMENTO RIVER, DELTA, AND TRIBUTARIES UPDATE TO THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY/SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN**

Dear Diane Riddle,

In October 2023, the CalEPA External Scientific Peer Review Program received your request for external scientific peer review for the subject proposal. The review was conducted by seven independent, neutral, and objective scientific experts as described in a draft response letter from the Program dated 06 February 2024. That letter included reviewers' names, affiliations, curriculum vitae, initiating letters, and draft review reports.

Staff from the Division of Water Rights determined that the review reports independently and collectively addressed all assumptions, conclusions, and findings under review. The review reports have been brought into compliance with web accessibility standards. This letter forwards those reports and concludes this peer review request.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

- (1) 25 October 2023 Request by Diane Riddle for Scientific Peer Review
- (2) Web Accessible Reviews
  - i. Joseph Domagalski, Ph.D.
  - ii. Stephen Katz, Ph.D.
  - iii. Margaret Palmer, Ph.D.
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