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- The Resources Agency:
- Department of Water Resources
- Department of Fish and Game
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- Department of Conservation
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- California State Parks
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- California Environmental Protection Agency:
- State Water Resources Control Board
- California Department of Food and Agriculture
- California Department of Health Services

Federal Agencies

- Department of the Interior:
- Bureau of Reclamation
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- Geological Survey
- Bureau of Land Management
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- Environmental Protection Agency
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- Department of Commerce:
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- Western Area Power Administration

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Maria Rea, Supervisor
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Dear Ms. Rea:

Per your request, the CALFED Science Program is facilitating review the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Biological Opinion on the Long-Term Central Valley Project and State Water Project Operations Criteria and Plan.

A panel of distinguished experts was convened to review the NMFS analytical framework that will be used to develop the Biological Opinion. Attached is the Review Panel report. The Panel will reconvene early next year to review the draft Biological Opinion.

We hope you find this report helpful. If you have any questions about the report or process, please contact Rebecca Fris at (916) 445-5031.

Sincerely,

Clifford N. Dahm
CALFED Lead Scientist

Attachment