

Secretary of Natural Resources Laird Praises Independent Science Review of Bay Delta Plan

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of Natural Resources John Laird today made the following statement about the seven-member Independent Scientific Review Panel’s report on the Effects Analysis component of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP):

“The Bay Delta Conservation Plan is without a doubt one of the largest and most complex science-based ecosystem restoration programs ever undertaken. Having a panel of well-respected, independent scientists peer review the adequacy of the many vital science components of this plan and publicly, openly presenting those findings will help set the stage for the many important conversations we will have with stakeholders.

Also, this independent, peer review helps create a more dynamic, sound plan that will stand the test of nature and time.

This independent panel’s recommendations establish an important framework for discussion about how to meet one of the dual goals. We will continue to work with the team to ensure sound scientific justifications for any potential actions. Fish, farms and the 25 million Californians who depend on the Delta for their water deserve nothing less.”

See the report here:

http://www.deltacouncil.ca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/BDCP_Effects_Analysis_Review_Panel_Report_FINAL.pdf

Learn about the Independent Science Review board here: <http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/science-board/delta-independent-science-board>

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