



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

TO: Carol Perkins
Manager, CalEPA Scientific Peer Review Program
Office of Research, Planning, and Performance
California State Water Resources Control Board

FROM: Lauren Leles

Senior Environmental Scientist, Supervisor
Mercury Program and Basin Planning Unit
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

CC: Meredith Howard
Environmental Program Manager, Planning Section
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Adam Laputz
Assistant Executive Officer
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Bayley Toft-Dupuy
Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel
California State Water Resources Control Board

DATE: July 12, 2024

SUBJECT: Request for External Scientific Peer Review of the Scientific Basis of Proposed Revisions to the Total Maximum Daily Load of Methylmercury to the Sacramento – San Joaquin Delta Estuary

We request external scientific peer review regarding the scientific basis of proposed revisions to the total maximum daily load (TMDL) for methylmercury in the Sacramento – San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Delta) and associated implementation plan, collectively referred to as the Delta Mercury Control Program (DMCP). Board staff have written the *Delta Mercury Control Program Phase 1 Review of the Sacramento – San Joaquin Delta Estuary Total Maximum Daily Load for Methylmercury Staff Report for Scientific Peer Review* (DMCP Review Staff Report for SPR) which contains the detailed analysis of the Phase 1 Review.

Central Valley Water Board staff (Board staff) requests that you initiate the process to identify external scientific peer reviewers for proposed revisions to the TMDL for methylmercury in the Delta, per the requirements of California Health and Safety Code section 57004.

MARK BRADFORD, CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, ESQ., EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Purpose of Review

In 2010, the Central Valley Water Board adopted the Delta Methylmercury TMDL and DMCP as a phased approach to manage methylmercury in the Delta. The TMDL was subsequently approved by USEPA on October 20, 2011. Scientific peer review of the *Sacramento – San Joaquin Delta Estuary TMDL for Methylmercury Staff Report, April 2010* (2010 TMDL Staff Report) occurred in 2006.

Phase 1 of the DMCP required dischargers to collect methylmercury data and conduct control studies to investigate the reduction and control of methylmercury. Based on review of new data and the results of the control studies, Board staff were required to consider revising DMCP objectives, allocations, implementation strategies and schedules, and the final compliance date.

Board staff's review of Phase 1 of the DMCP (referred to as the "DMCP Review"), specifically the scientific portions of the proposed rule as required by the CA Health and Safety Code section 57004, is provided in the DMCP Review Staff Report for SPR. The scientific aspects include reevaluations of water quality objectives, methylmercury sources, and methylmercury allocations during Phase 2, which will be relied upon to drive compliance and implementation policy changes regarding control of methylmercury. The Central Valley Water Board will consider adopting these changes as amendments to the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins* (Basin Plan). Therefore, Board staff requests scientific peer review of the methods, calculations, and assumptions used to complete the scientific portions of the DMCP Review. Board staff is continuing to review and consider modifications to implementation provisions and schedules and the final compliance date.

When All Supporting Documents and References will be Available at the FTP Site

All materials for the scientific peer review, including supporting documents for reference, will be available within 10 days of the date of this letter.

Requested Review Period

We request that scientific peer review be completed within 60 days.

Necessary Areas of Expertise for Reviewers

The DMCP Review Staff Report for SPR is highly technical with data analyses, in-depth scientific evaluations, modeling, and statistics. All reviewers must be proficient in scientific and statistical data analysis (e.g., calculation of pollutant loads, development of water quality objectives, and summary statistics). To review the scientific conclusions outlined in Attachment 2: Scientific Assumptions, Findings, and Conclusions to Review, reviewers should have expertise in (1) methylmercury, (2) Delta estuary management

strategies, and/or (3) statistical analysis and data visualization, as described below.

Methylmercury

Two reviewers with expertise in methylmercury pollution, fate, transport, and bioaccumulation. Reviewers need to have familiarity with (1) the relationship between mercury concentrations in fish and the ambient unfiltered methylmercury concentrations in water, (2) the mechanism of methylmercury bioaccumulation in fish, and (3) the fate and transport of total mercury, methylmercury, and the conversion between total mercury and methylmercury.

Corresponding conclusions in Attachment 2:

- Linkage Analysis and Black Bass Implementation Goal
- Source Analysis
- Allocations

Delta Estuary Management Strategies

One reviewer with expertise in Delta ecosystem management including water quality and resources (e.g., flow dynamics and constituents of concern). Additional knowledge on how these factors may affect mercury methylation and control is preferable.

Corresponding conclusions in Attachment 2:

- Linkage Analysis and Black Bass Implementation Goal
- Source Analysis
- Allocations
- Climatic Variability

Environmental Statistical Analysis and Data Visualization Using R

One reviewer with expertise in environmental statistical analysis techniques, and regression model evaluation.

Corresponding conclusions in Attachment 2:

- Linkage Analysis and Black Bass Implementation Goal
- Margin of Safety
- Climatic Variability

Contact Information

Lauren Leles is the project manager: Lauren.Leles@waterboards.ca.gov, (916) 464-4668.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Plain English Summary

Attachment 2: Scientific Assumptions, Findings, and Conclusions to Review

Attachment 3: Individuals who Participated in the Development of the Proposal

Attachment 4: References Cited

Attachment 1: Plain English Summary

The Central Valley Water Board identified the Delta as impaired for mercury in 1990 because elevated fish mercury levels posed a risk for human and wildlife consumers. In 2006, the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (San Francisco Bay Water Board) identified Central Valley outflows through the Delta as one of the primary sources of total mercury to San Francisco Bay and assigned the Central Valley a load reduction of 110 kilograms per year.

In 2010, the Central Valley Water Board adopted the Delta Methylmercury TMDL and DMCP as a phased approach to manage methylmercury in the Delta. The DMCP is designed to protect human and wildlife health in the Delta and meet the Central Valley's mercury load allocation from the San Francisco Bay Water Board. The TMDL was subsequently approved by USEPA on October 20, 2011.

At the time of adoption, the Board recognized that additional information about methylmercury source control methods was needed to (1) determine how and if dischargers could attain load and waste load allocations and (2) evaluate potential benefits and adverse impacts to humans, wildlife, and the environment. Accordingly, the Board adopted the Delta Methylmercury TMDL and DMCP as a phased approach:

- Phase 1: Phase 1 of the DMCP required dischargers to collect methylmercury data and conduct control studies to investigate the reduction and control of methylmercury. These control studies were then reviewed by an independent scientific peer review panel.
- Phase 1 Review: Based on review of new data and the results of the control studies, Board staff is required to consider revising DMCP objectives, allocations, implementation provisions and schedules, and the final compliance date.
- Phase 2: Phase 2 requires dischargers to implement methylmercury control programs to meet allocations, continue total mercury reduction programs, and conduct compliance monitoring.

Board staff is currently conducting Phase 1 Review. The DMCP Review, specifically the scientific portions of the proposed rule as required by the CA Health and Safety Code section 57004, is provided in the DMCP Review Staff Report for SPR. As part of DMCP Review, Board staff is also continuing to review and consider modifications to implementation provisions and schedules and the final compliance date. These aspects of the DMCP Review, which will help inform proposed amendments to the Basin Plan, do not constitute scientific portions of the DMCP Review and thus are not included as part of this scientific peer review.

The TMDL geographic scope includes the area within the legal Delta boundary and the entire Yolo Bypass. The scope was divided into eight subareas (West Delta, Central Delta, Marsh Creek, San Joaquin River, Mokelumne/Cosumnes Rivers, Sacramento River, Yolo Bypass – North, and Yolo Bypass – South) based on hydrologic

characteristics and mixing of source waters. Board staff propose including the Cache Creek Settling Basin within the geographic scope of the TMDL as part of the DMCP Review.

The 2010 TMDL Staff Report selected methylmercury (MeHg) in fish tissue as the numeric target for the Delta Methylmercury TMDL¹. The numeric targets were developed based on fish consumption rates to protect human and wildlife health. For the DMCP Review, Board staff did not modify the numeric targets or water quality objectives listed in the 2010 TMDL Staff Report.

The 2010 TMDL Staff Report's linkage analysis determined that methylmercury concentrations in fish could be linked to methylmercury concentrations in ambient water. This empirical evidence assumes that ambient aqueous methylmercury concentrations are the primary factor in determining fish tissue methylmercury concentrations. For the DMCP Review, Board staff maintained this assumption and performed the linkage analysis using more recent and extensive data, and more robust methods. Both linkage analyses looked at multiple models and selected one. The selected model was used to develop an aqueous MeHg implementation goal that, when met, would result in a methylmercury concentration in fish that is safe for wildlife and humans to consume. After applying a margin of safety, the 2010 linkage model resulted in an aqueous MeHg implementation goal of 0.06 ng/L and the DMCP Review linkage model resulted in an aqueous MeHg implementation goal of 0.059 ng/L.

In the 2010 TMDL Staff Report, the ambient aqueous MeHg in all subareas except the Central Delta exceeded the aqueous MeHg implementation goal. In the DMCP Review, all subareas exceeded the aqueous MeHg implementation goal including the Central Delta. Therefore, the 2010 TMDL Staff Report and DMCP Review include a source analysis that identifies and quantifies sources of methylmercury.

As done in the 2010 TMDL Staff Report, the DMCP Review assigns methylmercury load allocations to methylmercury sources. Methylmercury allocations were assigned based on the reduction needed in each Delta TMDL subarea. To determine the reduction of methylmercury, the 2010 TMDL Staff Report compared the average methylmercury concentration in ambient water in each Delta TMDL subarea to the aqueous MeHg implementation goal of 0.06 ng/L. For the DMCP Review, Board staff compared the median methylmercury concentration in ambient water, calculated using more recent data, to the proposed aqueous methylmercury implementation goal of 0.059 ng/L.

¹ While the numeric targets are for methylmercury, mercury is typically analyzed as "total mercury" in fish because of the additional cost required for methylmercury analysis. Mercury exists almost entirely in the methylated form in small and TL4 fish. It is estimated that methylmercury accounts for 94.3% of the total mercury in fish. Therefore, the 2010 TMDL Staff Report assumed that all the mercury measured as total mercury in Delta fish was methylmercury.

Attachment 2: Scientific Assumptions, Findings, and Conclusions to Review

The statutory requirement for external scientific review (CA Health and Safety Code, section 57004) states that it is the peer reviewer's responsibility to determine whether the scientific portion of the proposed rule is based upon sound scientific knowledge, methods, and practices.

The assumptions, findings, and conclusions that constitute the scientific portions of this TMDL project are identified and listed below. We request that the scientific peer reviewers determine if the scientific portion of the proposed rule is based upon sound scientific knowledge, methods, and practices per statute for external scientific peer review (CA Health and Safety Code, section 57004).

The DMCP Review Staff Report for SPR incorporates additional monitoring and modeling conducted as part of Phase 1 of the DMCP. The DMCP Review Staff Report for SPR is a highly technical document that contains in-depth scientific evaluations, complex statistical analyses, and conclusions that are based on data from independently produced technical studies and reports. The Central Valley Water Board requests that reviewers assess the appropriateness of using these evaluations, analyses, and conclusions in the DMCP Review Staff Report for SPR.

The following conclusions of the DMCP Review Staff Report for SPR comprise the bulk of the scientific analysis and require focused peer review. Each conclusion contains a list that summarizes the facts and background to support the conclusion.

Linkage Analysis and Black Bass Implementation Goal

The DMCP Review's proposed linkage model was determined by applying appropriate quantitative data analysis methods for pairing black bass mercury data with aqueous methylmercury data, finding the central tendency of data, and selecting regression models.

- Board staff selected three black bass species (largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, and spotted bass) instead of only one species (largemouth bass), as done in the 2010 TMDL Staff Report.
- Board staff evaluated three year ranges of aqueous methylmercury and black bass mercury data: 2000-2019, 2012-2019, and 2016-2019.
- For each year range, Board staff determined whether the central tendency of data should be calculated either by pooling all years of data or grouping by year.
- Board staff evaluated whether the mean, geomean, weighted average, or median would be a better measure of central tendency.
- Board staff considered six regression models (simple linear, exponential, logarithmic, power, nonlinear least squares, and generalized additive models) to standardize black bass mercury concentrations.

- In total, 405 potential linkage models were generated.
- The model that provided the lowest standard error of regression (SER) was selected as the final linkage model to represent the relationship between aqueous methylmercury and black bass mercury concentrations.

Sections of the DMCP Review Staff Report for SPR that pertain to the Linkage Analysis and Black Bass Implementation Goal include:

- Section 4.2 Black Bass Evaluation
- Section 5 Linkage analysis
- Appendix B
- Appendix C

Margin of Safety

The DMCP Review's proposed margin of safety sets an aqueous methylmercury implementation goal by accounting for the uncertainty in the linkage analysis data and modeling methods used to find the protective aqueous methylmercury concentration.

- Resampling was used to randomly select, with specified criteria, 10,000 representative subsets of aqueous methylmercury and black bass mercury sampling data.
- Each subset determined predicted protective aqueous methylmercury concentration.
- The 10,000 generated protective aqueous methylmercury concentrations were used to construct a probability distribution.
- The fifth percentile value from the probability distribution, 0.059 ng/L, was set as the aqueous methylmercury implementation goal, which equates to a margin of safety of about 3.3%.
- The fifth percentile value represents a 95% chance that the true protective aqueous methylmercury concentration is greater than the proposed aqueous methylmercury implementation goal of 0.059 ng/L.

Sections of the DMCP Review Staff Report for SPR that pertain to the Margin of Safety include:

- Section 5.3 Margin of Safety

Source Analysis

The DMCP Review's proposed water balance and methylmercury mass balance reasonably quantify and account for all water and methylmercury source and loss types in the Delta.

- To be consistent with the final linkage model, sources and losses of the water balance and methylmercury mass balance were calculated using medians to estimate the central tendency of aqueous methylmercury concentration and flow volume data.
- The source analysis incorporated data from water years 2000 through 2019, a period that encompasses a mix of wet and dry conditions.
- The water balance was calculated using the same methods used in the 2010 TMDL Staff Report.
- Some water balance sources and losses were calculated using flow estimate methods (e.g., flow models or precipitation runoff) rather than flow measurements (e.g., flow gauges).
- Board staff corrected miscalculations and incorporated additional calculations to better estimate the water balance and mass balance.
- Due to inclusion of multiple hydrologic models, Board staff recognize the potential that evaporation and precipitation may be overestimated in the water balance.

Sections of the DMCP Review Staff Report for SPR that pertain to the Source Analysis include:

- Section 6 Source Analysis

Allocations

The following conclusions should be considered:

DMCP Review's proposed methylmercury load allocations and waste load allocations are achievable considering current technology, feasibility of controlling the sources, and recommended methylmercury allocation compliance calculations.

Achieving load allocations and waste load allocations for Delta regulated entities (e.g., municipal separate storm sewers (MS4s), public wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs), irrigated agriculture) will result in measurable and statistically meaningful reductions in fish tissue mercury concentrations. This conclusion should be considered apart from whether other loads are achieved.

Achieving load allocations and waste load allocations for Delta regulated entities (e.g., MS4s, WWTPs, irrigated agriculture) will result in a measurable reduction in Delta aqueous methylmercury concentrations. This conclusion should be considered apart from whether other loads are achieved.

Measurable reductions of mercury in fish tissue will occur as all sources meet the proposed allocations, eventually attaining the proposed water quality objectives to protect human and wildlife health for consumption of trophic level 3 and 4 fish.

- Methylmercury allocations were determined using the same analysis methodology in the 2010 TMDL Staff Report.
- Methylmercury allocations were calculated using the specific assimilative capacity for each Delta TMDL subarea based on available data from WYs 2000-2019. The assimilative capacity of each Delta TMDL subarea is set as the ambient aqueous methylmercury concentration to meet the proposed aqueous methylmercury implementation goal of 0.059 ng/L in unfiltered water and encompasses a margin of safety of 3.3%.
- Methylmercury allocations were calculated using gross methylmercury loading of sources to and within Delta TMDL subareas. For sources that are net sinks of methylmercury, Board staff assigned the source a 100% allocation.
- Methylmercury allocations are ultimately driven by the proposed water quality objectives, which were previously scientifically peer reviewed. The water quality objectives were reevaluated but not changed.
- Methylmercury allocations are based on estimating the median population growth to be 25% from 2020 through 2060.
- Methylmercury allocations incorporated an unassigned allocation for future flows from NPDES WWTPs, and MS4s in the Delta MeHg TMDL Boundary that were not evaluated in the DMCP Review.
- Compliance with tributary load allocations will be addressed in upstream mercury control programs.

The sections of the DMCP Review Staff Report for SPR that pertain to Allocations include:

- Section 8 Methylmercury Allocations, Total Mercury Limits, & Margin of Safety
- Appendix E Characterization and Control Study Summaries
 - Including the *Independent Scientific Review of the Delta Mercury Control Program Phase 1* reports coordinated through the Delta Science Program

Climatic Variability

The DMCP Review's proposed methylmercury source analysis, allocations, and compliance calculation methods reasonably account for climatic variability.

- Climate change is expected to create variable extremes of flow events and varying effects of mercury loading and methylmercury concentrations in the Delta.
- Climate change will likely affect precipitation rates, resulting in longer and drier drought periods and more intense storm systems that result in less runoff during

drought periods and more runoff during flood years.

- Longer and drier drought periods and more intense storm systems expected with climate change should be similar to the recent dry periods observed in WYs 2001-2004, 2007-2010, and 2012-2016, followed by an extreme wet year, observed in 2005, 2011 and 2017.
- The methylmercury source analysis and allocation calculations incorporate data from WYs 2000-2019 to account for normal and critical conditions.
- Medians were used to determine the central tendency of methylmercury loads and exports and the amount of methylmercury reduction needed in each subarea.
- The median is a robust statistical measure of central tendency because up to 50% of the observations can be changed without affecting the median value, whereas the arithmetic mean is heavily influenced by skewed datasets and outliers.
- Proposed compliance for all methylmercury allocations is based on a rolling five-year median.
- The median is proposed to determine compliance with all methylmercury allocations because it is (1) the same statistic used to calculate allocations, (2) less influenced by the effects of extreme weather events, as compared to the arithmetic mean.

The sections of the DMCP Review Staff Report for SPR that pertain to Climatic Variability include:

- Section 6.1 Water Balance
- Section 6.4 Methylmercury Mass Balance
- Section 8.1 Methylmercury Allocations
- Section 8.4 Seasonal & Inter-annual Variability

Attachment 3: Individuals who have Participated in the Development of the Proposal

CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

Patrick Pulupa, Executive Officer
Adam Laputz, Assistant Executive Officer
Meredith Howard, Environmental Program Manager
Lauren Leles, Senior Environmental Scientist
Jennifer Fuller, Senior Environmental Scientist
Robin Merod, Water Resource Control Engineer (prior employee)
Jordan Robbins, Environmental Scientist (prior employee)
Leah Jones, Environmental Scientist (prior employee)

2010 TMDL STAFF REPORT DEVELOPMENT:

Pamela Creedon, Executive Officer (Retired)
Ken Landau, Assistant Executive Officer (Retired)
Jerry Bruns, Environmental Program Manager (Retired)
Patrick Morris, Senior Water Resource Control Engineer (Retired)
Janis Cooke, Environmental Scientist
Chris Foe, Environmental Scientist (Retired)
Michelle Wood, Environmental Scientist (prior employee)
Stephen Louie, Environmental Scientist (prior employee)

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

Bayley Toft-Dupuy, Staff Counsel
Lori Okun, Staff Counsel (Retired)

SCIENTIFIC PEER REVIEW OF 2010 TMDL STAFF REPORT

Professor David Sedlak, University of California
Alexander J. Horne, Professor Emeritus, University of California

COMMENTERS ON 2010 TMDL STAFF REPORT

Alexis Straus, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
Andria Ventura, Clean Water Action
Angel Luevano, Todos Unidos
Art O'Brien, City of Roseville Wastewater Treatment
Aubrey White, UC Davis Graduate Student
Aviance Robinson, All Positives Possible
Bob Schneider, Tuleyome
Bud Hoekstra
Chris Sheuring, Farm Bureau
Christine Cordero, Center for Environmental Health
Chunky Harrigan, Whole Education
Corrina Gould, Chochenyo Ohlone for Indian People Organizing for Change
Dale K. Hoffman-Floerke, California Department of Water Resources
David Tompkins, City of Vacaville

Debbie Davis, Environmental Justice Coalition for Water
Debbie Webster, Central Valley Clean Water Association
Dipti Bhatnagar, Environmental Justice Coalition for Water
Duane Chamberlain, Yolo County Board of Supervisors
Erich Delmas, City of Tracy
Erick Soderlund, Department of Water Resources
Fraser Shilling, UC Davis, Department of Environmental Science
Gene Mullenmeister
Greg Meyer, City of Woodland
Greg Yarris, California Waterfowl Association
Hasheem Bason, Parents 4 A Healthy Community
Henry Clark, Dr., West County Toxics Coalition
Ian Wren, Baykeeper
Irenia Quitiquit, Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians
Jacqueline McCall, Central Valley Clean Water Association
Jay S. Punia, Central Valley Flood Protection Board
Jeff Willett, City of Stockton
John Herrick, South Delta Water Agency
Jovita Pajarillo, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
Kari Fisher, California Farm Bureau Federation
Kerry Schmitz, Sacramento County Department of Water Resources
L. Ryan Broddrick, Northern California Water Association
LaDonna Williams, People for Children's Health and Environmental Justice
Laura Leonelli, Southeast Asian Assistance Center
Leah Wills, Plumas County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
Leo Winternitz, The Nature Conservancy
Linda Fiack, Delta Protection Commission
Lonnie Mason, First Generation
Marty Hanneman, City of Sacramento
Mary K. Snyder, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District
Meyo Marrufo, Robinson Rancheria of Pomo Indians
Michael Hoover, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Michael L. Peterson, County of Sacramento
Michelle H. Denning, U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific
Regional Office
Mike DeSpain, Mechoopda Tribe
Paul Buttner, California Rice Commission
Paul D. Thayer, California State Lands Commission
R. Mitch Avalon, Contra Costa County Public Works Department
Rudolph Rosen, Ducks Unlimited
Sarah Ryan, Big Valley Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians
Saroem Yim, United Cambodian Families
Sejal Choksi, Baykeeper
Sherill Huun, City of Sacramento
Sherri Norris, California Indian Environmental Alliance
Susan Tatayon, The Nature Conservancy

Terrie Mitchell, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District
Terry Erlewine, State Water Contractors
Tim O'Halloran, Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
Tony Pirondini, City of Vacaville
Whitney Dotson, North Richmond Shoreline Open Space Alliance

OTHERS INVOLVED IN THE DMCP CONTROL AND CHARACTERIZATION STUDIES

Albert Stricker, City of Rancho Cordova
Andrea Buckley, California Central Valley Flood Protection Board
Anna Kogler, West Yost Associates
Brandon Nakagawa, County of San Joaquin
Brian Branfireun, University of Western Ontario
Brian Laurensen, Larry Walker Associates
Carl Mitchell, University of Toronto Scarborough
Carol DiGiorgio, Department of Water Resources
Catherine McCalvin, Department of Water Resources
Charity Meakes, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
Charles Hardy, West Yost Associates
Charlie Alpers, U.S. Geological Survey
Chris Wilkinson, Department of Water Resources
Christopher Knightes, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Christopher Martin, Department of Water Resources
Cindy Gilmour, Smithsonian Environmental Research Center
Collin Eagles-Smith, U.S. Geological Survey
Colonel James J. Handura, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
Cory Koger, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
Curtis Pollman, Aqua Lux Lucis, Inc.
Cynthia Herzog, California State Lands Commission
Dalia Fadl, City of Sacramento
Dan Sherry, Sacramento City Combined Wastewater Collection and Treatment System
Daniel Hack, Ross Island Sand and Gravel Co.
Dave Nugen, City of Folsom
Dean Messer, Department of Water Resources
Derek Murray, Tetra Tech, Inc.
Gary Wortham, Tetra Tech, Inc.
Harry McQuillen, U.S. Geological Survey
Hope Taylor, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District
Itzia Rivera, , California Central Valley Flood Protection Board
Jacob A. Fleck, U.S. Geological Survey
Jaime Rodriguez, Deuel Vocational Institution
Jason Cashman, Port of Stockton
Jason Famsworth, City of Stockton
Jeff Werner, City of Elk Grove
Jeffery Pelz, West Yost Associates
Jeremy Arrich, Department of Water Resources
Jobaid Kabir, United States Bureau of Reclamation

John Callaway, Delta Stewardship Council
John Nosacka, Department of Water Resources
Josh T. Ackerman, U.S. Geological Survey
Julianna Manning, Department of Water Resources
Karen Ashby, Larry Walker Associates
Karin Graves, Contra Costa County
Kathryn Gies, West Yost Associates
Kelly Havens, GeoSyntec Consultants
Kevin J. Brown, Department of Water Resources
Khalil Abusaba, Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc.
Leslie Gallagher, Central Valley Flood Protection Board
Lindsay Correa, Delta Stewardship Council
Lisa Austin, GeoSyntec Consultants
Lisa Moretti, Sacramento City Combined Wastewater Collection and Treatment System
Lisa Welsh, GeoSyntec Consultants
Lisamarie Windham-Myers, U.S. Geological Survey
Lysa Voight, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District
Mark List, Department of Water Resources
Mark Marvin-DiPasquale, U.S. Geological Survey
Mark Severeid, City of Woodland
Matt Weber, GHD Group
Michael Aguilera, Tetra Tech, Inc.
Michael Peterson, County of Sacramento
Paul Bedore, Robertson-Bryan, Inc.
Petra Lee, California Central Valley Water Quality Control Board
Philip Bachand, Tetra Tech, Inc.
Rob Thomas, Deuel Vocational Institution
Robert Burton, Deuel Vocational Institution
Robert Mason, University of Connecticut
Sherill Huun, Sacramento City Combined Wastewater Collection and Treatment System
Stephen McCord, McCord Environmental Inc.
Stuart Hodgkins, City of Citrus Heights
Sujoy Roy, Tetra Tech, Inc.
Teri Yessen, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
Tom Grovhoug, Larry Walker Associates
Valentina Cabrera-Stagno, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
William Forrest, City of Galt
Yumiko Henneberry, Delta Stewardship Council

Attachment 4: References Cited

- Ackerman, J.T. and C.A. Eagles-Smith. 2010. *Agricultural Wetlands as Potential Hotspots for Mercury Bioaccumulation: Experimental Evidence Using Caged Fish*. Environmental Science & Technology. 44(4):1451-1457.
- Ackerman, J.T., A.K. Miles, and C.A. Eagles-Smith. 2010. *Invertebrate Mercury Bioaccumulation in Permanent, Seasonal, and Flooded Rice Wetlands within California's Central Valley*. Science of the Total Environment. 408(2010):666-671.
- ADH Environmental and Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. (ADH and Wood). 2018. *Contra Costa Clean Water Program Methylmercury Control Study Final Report*. Control Study Final Report, October 2018. Prepared for Contra Costa Clean Water Program. Martinez, CA: CCCWP.
- ADH Environmental and Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. (ADH and Wood). 2020. *Contra Costa Clean Water Program Methylmercury Control Study Final Report (Rev. 1)*. Revised Control Study Final Report, September 2020. Prepared for Contra Costa Clean Water Program. Martinez, CA: CCCWP.
- Ahonen, S.A., B. Hayden, J.J. Leppänen, and K.K. Kahilainen. 2018. *Climate and Productivity Affect Total Mercury Concentration and Bioaccumulation Rate of Fish Along a Spatial Gradient of Subarctic Lakes*. Science of the Total Environment. 637-638(2018):1586-1596.
- Alpers, C.N., J.A. Fleck, M. Marvin-DiPasquale, C.A. Stricker, M. Stephenson, and H.E. Taylor. 2014. *Mercury Cycling in Agricultural and Managed Wetlands, Yolo Bypass, California: Spatial and Seasonal Variations in Water Quality*. Science of the Total Environment. 484(2014):276-287.
- Austin, C.M. and L.L. Smitherman. 2017. *Draft Staff Report for Scientific Peer Review for the Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California, Mercury Reservoir Provisions - Mercury TMDL and Implementation Program for Reservoirs*. State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Draft Staff Report. Sacramento, CA: SWRCB. Available online at <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/mercury/reservoirs/docs/peer_review/02_staff_report_scientific_peer_review.pdf>. Accessed September 6, 2023.
- Bachand, P.A.M., S. Bachand, J. Fleck, F. Anderson, and L. Windham-Myers. 2014. *Differentiating Transpiration from Evaporation in Seasonal Agricultural Wetlands and the Link to Advective Fluxes in the Root Zone*. Science of the Total Environment. 484(2014):232-248.
- Bachand, P.A.M., S.M. Bachand, J.A. Fleck, C.N. Alpers, M. Stephenson, and L. Windham-Myers. 2014. *Methylmercury Production In and Export from Agricultural Wetlands in California, USA: The Need to Account for Physical Transport Processes Into and Out of the Root Zone*. Science of the Total Environment. 472(2014):957-970.
- Baldocchi, D., D. Dralle, C. Jiang, and Y. Ryu. 2019. *How Much Water Is Evaporated*

Across California? A Multiyear Assessment Using a Biophysical Model Forced With Satellite Remote Sensing Data. *Water Resources Research*. 55(4):2722-2741.

Available online at

<<https://agupubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1029/2018WR023884>>.

Accessed on March 22, 2022.

Bedsworth, L., D. Cayan, G. Franco, L. Fisher, S. Ziaja, D. Ackerly, J. Andres, M. Auffhammer, R. Basu, N. Berg, *et al.* 2019. *Statewide Summary Report*. California's Fourth Climate Change Assessment. January 16, 2019. Available online at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2019-11/Statewide_Reports-SUM-CCCA4-2018-013_Statewide_Summary_Report_ADA.pdf>. Accessed on August 25, 2023.

Bosworth, D.H., S.J. Louie, M.L. Wood, D.J. Little, and H. Kulesza. 2010. *A Review of Methylmercury and Inorganic Mercury Discharges from NPDES Facilities in California's Central Valley*. Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB) Final Staff Report. Rancho Cordova, CA: CVRWQCB.

Branfireun, B., C. Gilmour, C. Knightes, R. Mason, and C. Mitchell. 2019. *Delta Mercury Control Program Phase 1 Methylmercury Control Studies Independent Scientific Review*. Prepared for the Delta Stewardship Council Delta Science Program, July 5, 2021. Available online at <<https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/pdf/science-program/2019-08-22-delta-methylmercury-review-part-1.pdf>>. Accessed on September 8, 2023.

Branfireun, B., C. Gilmour, R. Mason, C. Mitchell, and C. Pollman. 2021. *Delta Mercury Control Program Phase 1 Tidal Wetlands and Open Water Methylmercury Control and Characterization/Control Reports - Independent Scientific Review*. Prepared for the Delta Stewardship Council Delta Science Program, July 5, 2021. Available online at <<https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/pdf/science-program/2021-07-21-delta-mehg-phase-1-open-water-wetlands-review.pdf>>. Accessed on September 6, 2023.

Brown, K.J. and J. Nosacka. 2020. *Final Loads Determination Report: Mercury Control Studies for the Cache Creek Settling Basin, Yolo County, California*. Control Study Final Report, December 14, 2020. Prepared for DWR. Sacramento, CA: DWR.

California Department of Finance (CDOF). c2023. Projections, P-2: County Population Projections (2020-2060), P-2A Total Population for California and Counties.

Available online at <<https://dof.ca.gov/forecasting/Demographics/projections/g>>.

Accessed on September 11, 2023.

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB). 2019. *The Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) for the California Regional Water Quality Control Board - Central Valley Region for the Sacramento River Basin and the San Joaquin River Basin*. Fifth Edition, Revised February 2019 with Approved Amendments. Sacramento, CA: CVRWQCB. Available online at <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/tmdl/central_valley_projects/delta_hg/archived_delta_hg_info/april_2010_hg_tmdl_hearing/apr2010_tmdl_st_affrpt_final.pdf>. Accessed August 16, 2023.

Central Valley Water Board Order R5-2002-0120, p.4, Finding No. 18

Central Valley Water Board Order R5-2003-0049, p. 2, Finding No. 8

- Choe, K.Y., G.A. Gill, R.D. Lehman, S. Han, W.A. Heim, and K.H. Coale. 2004. *Sediment-Water Exchange of Total Mercury and Methylmercury in the San Francisco Bay-Delta*. *Limnology and Oceanography*. 49(5):1512-1527.
- Davis, J. and A. Bonnema. 2021. *Quality Assurance Project Plan: Long-term Monitoring of Bass Lakes and Reservoirs in California*. Version 3, October 2021. Prepared for the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). Sacramento, CA: SWRCB.
- Dettinger, M. 2011. *Climate Change, Atmospheric Rivers, and Floods in California - A Multimodel Analysis of Storm Frequency and Magnitude Changes*. *Journal of the American Water Resources Association*. 47(3):514-523.
- DiGiorgio, C., D. Bosworth, C. Herzog, N. Moritz, I. Rivera, C. Koger, M. Mosley, J. Kabir, G. Gill, W. Heim, *et al.* 2020. *Mercury Open Water Final Report for Compliance with the Delta Mercury Control Program. Characterization Study Final Report, August 31, 2020*. Prepared for the Open Water Workgroup. Sacramento, CA: Department of Water Resources. Available online at <<https://water.ca.gov/-/media/DWR-Website/Web-Pages/Programs/Environmental-Services/Applied-Research/Files/Mercury-Open-Water-Final-Report-for-Compliance-with-the-Delta-Mercury-Control-Program.pdf>>. Accessed August 11, 2023.
- Dijkstra, J.A., K.L. Buckman, D. Ward, D.W. Evans, M. Dionne, and C.Y. Chen. 2013. *Experimental and Natural Warming Elevates Mercury Concentrations in Estuarine Fish*. *PLoS ONE* 8(3):e58401.
- Domagalski, J., M.S. Majewski, C.N. Alpers, C.S. Eckley, C.A. Eagles-Smith, L. Schenk, and S. Wherry. 2016. *Comparison of Mercury Mass Loading in Streams to Atmospheric Deposition in Watersheds of Western North America: Evidence for Non-Atmospheric Mercury Sources*. *Science of the Total Environment*. 568(2016):638-650.
- DWR. 1995. *Estimation of Delta Island Diversions and Return Flows*. Sacramento, CA: DWR. February 1995.
- DWR. c2023. *California Cooperative Snow Surveys: Chronological Reconstructed Sacramento and San Joaquin Valley Water Year Hydrologic Classification Indices*. California Data Exchange Center. Available online at <<https://cdec.water.ca.gov/reportapp/javareports?name=WSIHIST>>. Accessed on August 25, 2023.
- Eagles-Smith, C.A., J.G. Wiener, C.S. Eckley, J.J. Willacker, D.C. Evers, M. Marvin-DiPasquale, D. Obrist, J.A. Fleck, G.R. Aiken, J.M. Lepak, *et al.* 2016. *Mercury in Western North America: A Synthesis of Environmental Contamination, Fluxes, Bioaccumulation, and Risk to Fish and Wildlife*. *Science of the Total Environment*. 568(2016):1213-1226.
- Eagles-Smith, C.A., J.T. Ackerman, J. Fleck, L. Windham-Myers, H. McQuillen, and W. Heim. 2014. *Wetland Management and Rice Farming Strategies to Decrease Methylmercury Bioaccumulation and Loads from the Cosumnes River Preserve, California: USGS Open-File Report 2014-1172*. Available online at <<https://pubs.er.usgs.gov/publication/ofr20141172>>. Accessed August 9, 2023.

- Eckley, C.S., T.P. Luxton, J. Goetz, and J. McKernan. 2017. *Water-Level Fluctuations Influence Sediment Porewater Chemistry and Methylmercury Production in a Flood-Control Reservoir*. *Environmental Pollution*. 222(2017):32-41.
- Eckley, C.S., T.P. Luxton, J.L. McKernan, J. Goetz, and J. Goulet. 2015. *Influence of Reservoir Water Level Fluctuations on Sediment Methylmercury Concentrations Downstream of the Historical Black Butte Mercury Mine, OR*. *Applied Geochemistry*. 61(2015):284-293.
- Fleck, J., G. Aiken, B. Bergamaschi, and D. Latch. 2007. *Task 5.3a Methylmercury Loading Studies in Delta Wetlands: Brown's Island*. 2008 CALFED Mercury Project Final Report, April 2, 2007.
- Foe, C., S. Louie, and D. Bosworth. 2008. *Task 2 Methyl Mercury Concentrations and Loads in the Central Valley and Freshwater Delta*. 2008 CALFED Mercury Project Final Report, August 2008.
- GHD Inc. 2018. *Methylmercury Control Study Progress Report: California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Deuel Vocational Institution*. Control Study Final Report, Updated October 2018. Prepared for California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.
- Gies, K.E, J.D. Pelz, C.E. Hardy, A. Kogler, K. Ashby, T. Grovhoug, and S. McCord. 2018. *Methylmercury Control Study Final Report*. Control Study Final Report, October 2018. Prepared for Central Valley Clean Water Association Methylmercury Special Project Group.
- Gill, G. 2008. *Task 3 Atmospheric Mercury Deposition Studies*. 2008 CALFED Mercury Project Final Report, September 15, 2008.
- Gill, G. 2008. *Task 4.2 Sediment-Water Exchange*. 2008 CALFED Mercury Project Final Report, September 15, 2008.
- Gill, G. 2008. *Task 5.1 Monomethylmercury Photo-degradation Studies*. 2008 CALFED Mercury Project Final Report, September 15, 2008.
- Gill, G.A., K.Y. Choe, R. Lehman, and S. Han. 2003. *Sediment-Water Exchange and Estuarine Mixing Fluxes of Mercury and Monomethyl Mercury in the San Francisco Bay Estuary and Delta (Task 4B)*. 2003 CALFED Mercury Project.
- Gill, G.A., N.S. Bloom, S. Cappellino, C.T. Driscoll, C. Dobbs, L. McShea, R. Mason, and J.W.M. Rudd. 1999. *Sediment-Water Fluxes of Mercury in Lavaca Bay, Texas*. *Environmental Science & Technology*. 33(5):663-669.
- Haynes, K.M., E.S. Kane, L. Potvin, E.A. Lilleskov, R.K. Kolka, and C.P.J. Mitchell. 2019. *Impacts of Experimental Alteration of Water Table Regime and Vascular Plant Community Composition on Peat Mercury Profiles and Methylmercury Production*. *Science of the Total Environment*. 682(2019):611-622.
- Heim, W., director, San José State University Marine Pollution Studies Lab. Personal communication (email), January 20, 2022.
- Heim, W., M. Stephenson, B. Hughes, A. Bonnema, and K. Coale. 2008. *Task 5.3a Methylmercury Loading Studies in Delta Wetlands: Sycamore Slough and Suisun*

- Marsh. 2008 CALFED Mercury Project Final Report, September 15, 2008.
- Heim, W.A., K. Coale, and M. Stephenson. 2003. *Methyl and Total Mercury Spatial and Temporal Trends in Surficial Sediments of the San Francisco Bay-Delta (Task 4A)*. 2003 CALFED Mercury Project.
- Heim, W.A., S. Deverel, T. Ingrum, W. Piekarski, and M. Stephenson. 2009. *Assessment of Methylmercury Contributions from Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Farmed Islands*. Final Report, August 2009.
- ICF. 2022. *Appendix 3B: Environmental Commitments and Best Management Practices*. Appendix 3B of the Delta Conveyance Project Public Draft Environmental Impact Report. Prepared for DWR. Sacramento, CA: DWR. Available online at <<https://cadwr.app.box.com/s/dbo1v0bhbkfzsocua3slidxfwsei7er>>. Accessed on September 7, 2023.
- Jenkins, D.G. and P.F. Quintana-Ascencio. 2020. *A Solution to Minimum Sample Size for Regressions*. PLoS ONE. 15(2):1-15. Available online at <<https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0229345>>. Accessed on August 25, 2023.
- Krabbenhoft D.P., J.G. Wiener, W.G. Brumbaugh, M.L. Olson, J.F. Dewild and T.J. Sabin. 1999. *A National Pilot Study of Mercury Contamination of Aquatic Ecosystems along Multiple Gradients*. USGS Toxic Substances Hydrology Program—Proceedings of the Technical Meeting, Charleston, SC, March 8-12, 1999 - Volume 2 of 3 - Contamination of Hydrologic Systems and Related Ecosystems, Water-Resources Investigations Report. 2(99-4018B):147-160.
- Kozak, N., S.A. Ahonen, O. Keva, K. Østbye, S.J. Taipale, B. Hayden, and K.K. Kahilainen. 2021. *Environmental and Biological Factors are Joint Drivers of Mercury Biomagnification in Subarctic Lake Food Webs Along a Climate and Productivity Gradient*. Science of the Total Environment. 779(2021):146261.
- Larry Walker Associates (LWA). 2013. *Report of Waste Discharge and Long Term Effectiveness Assessment*. NPDES Stormwater Permit No. CAS082597 Report, March 15, 2013. Prepared for Sacramento Stormwater Quality Partnership.
- Larry Walker Associates (LWA). 2018a. *City of Sacramento Combined Sewer System Methylmercury Control Study Final Report*. Control Study Final Report, October 19, 2018. Prepared for City of Sacramento. Sacramento, CA: City of Sacramento.
- Larry Walker Associates (LWA). 2018b. *City of Stockton and County of San Joaquin Methylmercury Control Study Final Report. Control Study Final Report and Memo from City of Stockton and County of San Joaquin, October 20, 2018*. Prepared for City of Stockton and County of San Joaquin. Stockton, CA: City of Stockton.
- Lee, P. and J. Manning. 2020. *Mercury Imports and Exports of Four Tidal Wetlands in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, Yolo Bypass, and Suisun Marsh for Delta Mercury Control Program Compliance*. Characterization Study Final Report, April 3, 2020. Prepared for the Department of Water Resources (DWR). West Sacramento, CA: DWR.
- Lindeburg, M.R. 1992. *Civil Engineering Reference Manual*. Sixth Edition. Belmont, CA:

- Professional Publications, Inc. p. 6-24.
- Marvin Jung and Associates, Inc. (MJA). 2000. *Revision of Representative Delta Island Return Flow Quality for DSM2 and DICU Model Runs*. Consultant's Report to the Department of Water Resources Municipal Water Quality Investigations Program. Prepared for the CALFED Ad-Hoc Workgroup To Simulate Historical Water Quality Conditions in the Delta. December 2000.
- Marvin-DiPasquale, M., L. Windham-Myers, J.A. Fleck, J.T. Ackerman, C. Eagles-Smith, and H. McQuillen. 2018. *Mercury on a Landscape Scale - Balancing Regional Export with Wildlife Health: USGS Open-File Report 2018-1092*. Control Study Final Report, June 26, 2018. Available online at <<https://pubs.er.usgs.gov/publication/ofr20181092>>. Accessed August 9, 2023.
- Marvin-DiPasquale, M., L. Windham-Myers, J.L. Agee, E. Kakouros, L.H. Kieu, J.A. Fleck, C.N. Alpers, and C.A. Stricker. 2014. *Methylmercury Production in Sediment from Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Wetlands in the Yolo Bypass, California, USA*. *Science of the Total Environment*. 484(2014):288-299.
- McCord, S.A. and W.A. Heim. 2015. *Identification and Prioritization of Management Practices to Reduce Methylmercury Exports from Wetlands and Irrigated Agricultural Lands*. *Environmental Management*. 55(2015):725-740.
- Meakes, C., professional engineer, United States Army Corps of Engineers. Personal communication (email), April 5, 2022.
- Monohan, C. and A. Keeble-Toll. 2019. *Headwater Mercury Source Reduction Strategy*. Prepared for The Sierra Fund. Nevada City, CA: The Sierra Fund.
- Mulligan, M., professional engineer, Department of Water Resources. Personal communication (email), May 19, 2023.
- National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP). c2022. *Mercury in the Atmosphere & Environmental Effects*. Online Brochure. Available online at <https://nadp.slh.wisc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/NADP_Hg_Brochure.pdf>. Accessed on September 1, 2023.
- Ni, F.J., S.P. Bhavsar, D. Poirier, B. Branfireun, S. Petro, M.T. Arts, R. Chong-Kit, C.P.J. Michell, G.B. Arhonditsis. 2021. *Impacts on Water Level Fluctuations on Mercury Concentrations in Hydropower Reservoirs: A Microcosm Experiment*. *Ecotoxicology and Environmental Safety*. 220(2021):112354.
- Peace, A., M.D. Poteat, and H. Wang. 2016. *Somatic Growth Dilution of a Toxicant in a Predator-Prey Model Under Stoichiometric Constraints*. *Journal of Theoretical Biology*. 407(2016):198-211.
- Pickhardt, P.C., C.L. Folt, C.Y. Chen, B. Klaue, and J.D. Blum. 2005. *Impacts of Zooplankton Composition and Algal Enrichment on the Accumulation of Mercury in an Experimental Freshwater Food Web*. *Science of the Total Environment*. 339(2005):89-101.
- Roberston-Bryan, Inc. (RBI). 2018. *Port of Stockton Methylmercury Control Study Final Report*. Control Study Final Report, October 2018. Prepared for Port of Stockton.

- Stockton, CA: Port of Stockton.
- Roberston-Bryan, Inc. (RBI). 2020. *Technical Memorandum: Clarifications to the Port of Stockton Methylmercury Control Study Final Report*. Addendum to the Port of Stockton Control Study Final Report, April 14, 2020. Elk Grove, CA: RBI.
- Sacramento Stormwater Quality Partnership (SSQP). 2018. *Sacramento Stormwater Quality Partnership TMDL Phase 1 Implementation: Final Methylmercury Feasibility Report*. Control Study Final Report, October 18, 2018. Sacramento, CA: SSQP.
- Sacramento Stormwater Quality Partnership (SSQP). 2020. *Sacramento Stormwater Quality Partnership Delta Mercury Control Program Control Study Summary*. Letter from Dana Booth, program manager, Storm Water Quality, and Sherill Huun, supervising engineer, Department of Utilities, to Jennifer Fuller, environmental scientist, CVRWQCB. May 21. Sacramento, CA: SSQP.
- San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI). 2001. *San Francisco Bay Atmospheric Deposition Pilot Study Part 1: Mercury*. Prepared for San Francisco Estuary Regional Monitoring Program. Richmond, CA: SFEI.
- Sassone, E., A. Bonnema, M. Stephenson, W.A. Heim, A. Newman, J. Fleck, and K. Coale. 2008. *Task 5.3a Methylmercury Loading Studies in Delta Wetlands: Twitchell Island*. 2008 CALFED Mercury Project Final Report, September 15, 2008.
- Stephenson, M., A. Bonnema, W. Heim, and K. Coale. 2008. *Task 5.3a Methylmercury Loading Studies in Delta Wetlands: Grizzly Island*. 2008 CALFED Mercury Project Final Report, September 15, 2008.
- Stockton, City of, and County of San Joaquin (Stockton and SJC). 2020. *Clarifications for the City of Stockton and County of San Joaquin Delta Methylmercury Control Study Final Report*. Addendum to the City of Stockton and County of San Joaquin Methylmercury Control Study Final Report, May 7, 2020. Stockton, CA: City of Stockton.
- Tetra Tech, Inc (Tetra Tech). 2016. *Characterization of Methylmercury Loads for Irrigated Agriculture in the Delta: Final Report*. Control Study Final Report, January 5, 2016. Prepared for USEPA Region 9. San Francisco, CA: USEPA.
- United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). 2019. *Methylmercury Summary Report - Sacramento and Stockton Deep Water Ship Channels Operation and Maintenance Dredging*. Control Study Final Report, May 2019. Sacramento, CA: USACE.
- United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). 1998. *Method 1630: Methyl Mercury in Water by Distillation, Aqueous Ethylation, Purge and Trap, and Cold Vapor Atomic Fluorescence Spectrometry*. Washington, DC: USEPA.
- United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). 2002. *Establishing Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Wasteload Allocations (WLAs) for Storm Water Sources and NPDES Permit Requirements Based on Those WLAs*. Memorandum from Robert H. Wayland, III, director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, and James A. Hanlon, director, Office of Wastewater Management, to Water Division Directors Regions 1 - 10, November 22. Washington, DC: USEPA.

Available online at <<https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2015-07/documents/final-wwtmdl.pdf>>. Accessed on September 1, 2023.

United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). 2014. *Revisions to the November 22, 2002 Memorandum "Establishing Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Wasteload Allocations (WLAs) for Storm Water Sources and NPDES Permit Requirements Based on Those WLAs"*. Memorandum from Andrew D. Sawyers, director, Office of Wastewater Management, and Benita Best-Wong, director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, to Water Division Directors Regions 1 - 10, November 26. Washington, DC: USEPA. Available online at <https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2015-10/documents/epa_sw_tmdl_memo.pdf>. Accessed on September 1, 2023.

Wang, J. H. Yin, J. Anderson, E. Reyes, T. Smith, and F. Chung. 2018. *Mean and Extreme Climate Change Impacts on the State Water Project*. Report for California's Fourth Climate Change Assessment. August 27, 2018. Available online at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2019-12/Water_CCCA4-EXT-2018-004_ada.pdf>. Accessed on August 25, 2023.

Webster, J.P., T.J. Kane, D. Obrist, J.N. Ryan, and G.R. Aiken. 2016. *Estimating Mercury Emissions Resulting from Wildfire in Forests of the Western United States*. *Science of the Total Environment*. 568(2016):578-586.

Western Regional Climate Center (WRCC). c2016-2023. Evaporation Stations. Available online at <https://wrcc.dri.edu/Climate/comp_table_show.php?stype=pan_evap_avg>. Accessed on March 22, 2022.

Windham-Myers, L., J.A. Fleck, J.T. Ackerman, M. Marvin-DiPasquale, C.A. Stricker, W.A. Heim, P.A.M. Bachand, C.A. Eagles-Smith, G. Gill, M. Stephenson, *et al.* 2014. *Mercury Cycling in Agricultural and Managed Wetlands: A Synthesis of Methylmercury Production, Hydrologic Export, and Bioaccumulation from an Integrated Field Study*. *Science of the Total Environment*. 484(2014):221-231.

Windham-Myers, L., M. Marvin-DiPasquale, J. Fleck, C.N. Alpers, J. Ackerman, C. Eagles-Smith, C. Stricker, M. Stephenson, D. Feliz, G. Gill, *et al.* 2010. *Methylmercury Cycling, Bioaccumulation, and Export from Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Wetlands in the Yolo Bypass*. San Jose, CA: San Jose State University Research Foundation.

Wood, M.L., C.G. Foe, J. Cooke, and S.J. Louie. 2010. *Sacramento - San Joaquin Delta Estuary TMDL for Methylmercury Staff Report. Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB) Final Staff Report*. Rancho Cordova, CA: CVRWQCB. Available online at <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/tmdl/central_valley_projects/delta_hg/archived_delta_hg_info/april_2010_hg_tmdl_hearing/apr2010_tmdl_staffrpt_final.pdf>. Accessed August 4, 2023.