



August 10, 2012

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to support the nomination of Dr. Jeff Mount for the 2012 Brown-Nichols Science Award. Jeff has been a valued colleague and co-author of mine since 2005. He has a rare combination of talent, energy, dedication, and good humor in conducting and communicating science to policymakers, peers within the research community, and generations of future scientists. Jeff has made landmark contributions to the scientific discussions about the future of the Delta through his own work on physical changes taking place in the region, and he has provided an essential review function for other Delta-related research through his role as a member and chair of the Delta Independent Science board. Over the years, he has been available to lead discussions and provide testimony at countless public meetings and hearings – always in the spirit of advancing knowledge and understanding. Jeff has also been a leader in educating both students and stakeholders about California’s aquatic ecosystems, including the Delta watershed, including through hands-on experiences on the state’s rivers and streams. He would honor the fine tradition of the Brown-Nichols Science Awardees. I recommend him most highly.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eh", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ellen Hanak, Ph.D.
Senior Policy Fellow

**PUBLIC POLICY
INSTITUTE OF CALIFORNIA**

500 Washington Street, Suite 600
San Francisco, California 94111
tel 415 291 4400
fax 415 291 4401
web www.ppic.org