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Selection Committee
Brown-Nichols Award
Delta Science Program

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Dear selection committee members,

It is my pleasure to support the nomination of Wim Kimmerer for the Brown-Nichols Award.

Dr. Kimmerer has long been among the foremost scientists of the San Francisco Bay-Delta system and has contributed greatly to the scientific understanding of the system, the rigor of its management (such as it is), and the rigor of scientific thinking about the Bay-Delta.

Wim is among the few scientists in the system who can combine hydrodynamic, water quality, biological, and ecological thinking and processes. Indeed, he is among the foremost pioneers in this regard. This kind of thinking will need to become central for management of the system to become effective in the future.

Wim's willingness to engage with other researchers has been essential to his successes in this area. As a by-product, both he and the rest of the water research and management community have benefitted greatly from this mixing of ideas and findings from several too-often separated fields. He is an un-siloed scientist.

As a scientifically credible and highly independent expert, his voices and criticisms of work on the Bay-Delta have been especially useful.

He is certainly deserving of this award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jay R. Lund".

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