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**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2019 8:36 AM  
**To:** Maria Rea - NOAA Federal  
**Subject:** Fwd: Delegation of biop authority

Maria,

I received this over the weekend. Sam Rauch is clarifying with General Counsel on this, but at this point you should continue to follow all West Coast Region clearance and QA/QC protocols and provide me with a cleared draft opinion. We can talk later today regarding the schedules and process for sharing components of the drafts with BOR.

Thank you,

Barry

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Barry

Im not sure whether specific paperwork is needed, so Im emailing for now to revoke the delegation of authority for signing off on the pending central valley water Biop. As we discussed yesterday, and as AA for NOAA fisheries, I will assume the signing authority for this Biop.  
Chris

Sent from my iPhone

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