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Revised Meeting Notice of the Delta Lead Scientist Interview Panel

Day 1: Monday, March 30, 2020 (Seminar/Meet and Greet)

Time: 9:15 AM to 11:15 AM PDT

Day 2: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 (Closed Session)

Time: 8:15 AM to ~~4:00 PM~~ [11:30 AM](#) PDT

This meeting notice has been revised to remove a portion of the discussion and related action in agenda item 7 on Day 2 concerning the post-interview debrief and subsequent consideration of the matter of appointment of a Delta lead scientist, as well as the report out in agenda item 8 on the removed action. These items will now be discussed, and possible action taken, at the Delta lead scientist interview panel's public meeting on Friday, April 3, 2020 (see [meeting notice](#)). Please see purple and underlined text for additions, and strikethrough text for changes.

Meeting Location

Remote access only
No public access location

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order N-25-20 issued on March 12, 2020 and the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020, the Delta Stewardship Council will continue to provide opportunities for remote participation by Delta ISB members, staff, and the public with prudent measures to reduce community transmission of COVID-19.

The meeting's proceedings will be conducted entirely remotely. There will not be a public access location. Members of the public may observe the meeting via the webcast outlined below and may email comments and questions during individual agenda items to: disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov, so that your questions and comments can be addressed during the appropriate agenda items. The public can also provide comments telephonically by calling 1-877-402-9753; access code: 1882129, during the appropriate agenda item. Please mute your phone upon call-in, until prompted by the Chair for public comment.

Webcast

With the exception of the meet and greet (which will occur over Skype for Business) and closed session items, the meeting will be webcast via the [Day 1 WebEx](#) (which will be recorded) and [Day 2 WebEx](#) (which will not be recorded). Password: DeltaISB.

Upon entering the webcast, you should hear the audio out of your computer and see the presentation on your screen.

Meet and Greet Video Conference

The meet-and-greet opportunity (Agenda Item 5) will occur via [Skype for Business](#) and will not be recorded. For the audio option when logging in, you should select “Use Skype for Business (Full Audio and Video Experience).” With this option, you will be able to participate by speaking through the microphone on your computer and by video. For those who do not have a camera or a microphone on their computer, there will be a teleconference meet and greet using the phone number above at around 11:05 AM.

Note: Accessing the webcast requires you to enter your name and/or e-mail, which may be disclosed as public information. The signal for the webcast feed may be intermittent due to the internet infrastructure at your location.

Meeting Materials

Materials referenced in this notice are available on the [events web page](#) at <https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/events>. Members of the public are encouraged to visit the events web page to view the meeting materials.

Background

The United States Geological Survey and the Delta Stewardship Council are in the process of recruiting the next lead scientist for the Delta Science Program, whose term would begin in fall 2020. The Delta Stewardship Council appoints the Delta lead scientist after consultation with the Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB), pursuant to California Water Code section 85280(b). Four applicants are currently under consideration for the appointment. As part of the process, each applicant will give a seminar presentation on their research and experience, and how it applies to the position, as well as their vision for the Delta Science Program. The seminar presentations will be part of a public meeting and will be noticed individually.

Information about the applicants and their seminars can be found on the [Delta Lead Scientist web page](#): <https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-science-program/delta-lead-scientist>.

Purpose

On March 30, 2020, the Delta lead scientist interview panel, an advisory committee to the Delta ISB, will hold a public meeting. Dr. Laurel Larsen, an applicant for the Delta lead scientist position, will present a seminar by WebEx, titled “Just pour water on it? Killing the Wicked Witch of the West and other myths with restoration science.”

Following the seminar question and answer session, there will be a meet and greet with Dr. Larsen that will occur via Skype for Business, which will provide an opportunity for the public to ask Dr. Larsen general questions related to the Delta lead scientist position.

On March 31, 2020, the Delta lead scientist interview panel will reconvene and meet in closed session, pursuant to California Government Code section 11126(a)(1), to consider the matter of appointment of a Delta lead scientist and interview Dr. Larsen. ~~Following Dr. Larsen’s interview, the panel will have interviewed all four applicants. In closed session following the interview, the panel will debrief on the interviews conducted with the four applicants and will discuss the matter of appointment of a Delta lead scientist. Based on the discussion, the panel may take action.~~

This section describes the highlights. For more information about the meeting, refer to the agenda below.

Agenda

The agenda items listed below may be considered in a different order pursuant to the determination of the interview panel chair. Times listed on the agenda are approximate only. At the discretion of the interview panel, all items appearing on this agenda, whether or not expressly listed for action, may be deliberated upon and may be subject to action.

All agenda items are open to the public except closed session items.

Day 1, March 30, 2020

~ 9:15 AM: Meeting Starts

1. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Elizabeth Canuel, the interview panel chair, will call the meeting to order and take roll of the interview panel, which consists of representatives from the Delta ISB, the Delta Stewardship Council, and the United States Geological Survey.

2. Presentation by Dr. Laurel Larsen, titled “Just pour water on it? Killing the Wicked Witch of the West and other myths with restoration science”

3. Question and Answer Session on the Presentation

Dr. Laurel Larsen will take and answer questions from the Delta lead scientist interview panel and from members of the public on her presentation.

4. Public Comments

The Delta lead scientist interview panel will take public comments on topics within its jurisdiction that are not on the agenda.

~ 10:30 AM: 10 Minute Break

~ 10:40 AM: Public Meeting Resumes

5. Meet and Greet with the Delta Lead Scientist Applicant

The meet and greet will provide the opportunity for the applicant to meet those in attendance, and provide the opportunity for attendees to ask questions of Dr. Laurel Larsen related to the Delta lead scientist position.

~ 11:15 AM: Day 1 adjourned until ~8:15 AM on March 31, 2020 (Day 2)

Day 2, March 31, 2020

~ 8:15 AM: Meeting Starts

6. Welcome and Reconvene

Dr. Elizabeth Canuel, the Delta lead scientist interview panel chair, will call the meeting to order and take roll of the interview panel.

~ 8:30 AM: Closed Session Begins

7. Closed Session (Personnel Matters): Appointment of the Delta Lead Scientist (Not Open to the Public) **(Action Item)**

The Delta lead scientist interview panel will meet in closed session to consider the matter of appointment of a Delta lead scientist and interview Dr. Laurel Larsen.

~~Following the interview with Dr. Larsen, the panel will debrief on the interviews conducted with the four applicants and discuss the matter of appointment of a Delta lead scientist, and may take action based on the discussion.~~

(This closed session is authorized under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (a).)

~ ~~3:30 PM~~ 11:00 AM: Closed Session Ends

8. Reconvene Open Session and Report out on Closed Session

~~If action is taken in closed session, the Delta lead scientist interview panel will report out on the action taken.~~

9. Public Comments

The Delta lead scientist interview panel will take public comments on topics within its jurisdiction that are not on the agenda.

~ ~~4:00 PM~~ 11:30 AM: Day 2 adjourned

Additional Information

- If you have any questions, please contact Edmund Yu at 916-445-0637 or Edmund.Yu@deltacouncil.ca.gov.
- Members of the public shall be provided an opportunity to address the interview panel on any agenda items except closed session items and those items for which the public has already been afforded such opportunity at an earlier meeting. In addition, comments during the Public Comment period shall be limited to matters within the interview panel's jurisdiction and not on the agenda. Reasonable time limits may be established for public comments (California Government Code Sections 11125.7).
- If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact the Delta Stewardship Council's Human Resources Office at (916) 445-5511, TDD (800) 735-2929.