



Delta Independent Science Board

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Meeting Notice of the Delta Lead Scientist Interview Panel

Thursday, February 22, 2024
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM PST

Meeting Location

California Natural Resources Agency
715 P Street, Room 221
Sacramento, CA 95814

Public Comments

Information for providing public comments is at the end of this notice. Public comment may be limited to three minutes per person.

Additional Remote Participation Option

The meeting will be recorded.

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Additional Phone Only Option

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Meeting Materials

Materials referenced in this notice are available on the Delta ISB's [meetings web page](https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-isb/meetings) at <https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-isb/meetings>. Members of the public are encouraged to visit the events web page to view the meeting materials.

Background

The Delta Stewardship Council (Council), in partnership with the United States Geological Survey (USGS), is in the process of recruiting the next lead scientist for the Delta Science Program, whose term will begin in the summer of 2024. Pursuant to California Water Code section 85280(b), the Delta lead scientist is appointed by the Council after consultation with the Delta ISB. Two applicants are currently under consideration for the appointment: Dr. Gary Lamberti (University of Notre Dame) and Dr. Lisamarie Windham-Myers (United States Geological Survey). 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 first seminar will occur on February 22 with Dr. Lamberti and the second seminar will occur with Dr. Lisamarie Windham-Myers on March 11 (the second seminar will be noticed separately).

Purpose

On February 22, 2024, the Delta lead scientist interview panel, an advisory committee to the Delta ISB, will hold a public meeting. Dr. Gary Lamberti, an applicant for the Delta lead scientist position, will present a seminar, titled "The Past, Present, and Future of Water Science."

After the seminar, there will be an opportunity for the public to ask Dr. Lamberti questions on his presentation and general questions related to the Delta lead scientist position during the meet and greet session.

Following a break after the meet and greet session, the Delta lead scientist interview panel will 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 Lamberti. After the interview, the meeting will reconvene in open session.

This Purpose 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 Delta Lead Scientist Interview Panel Chair. The times listed on the agenda are approximate only. At the discretion of the Delta Lead Scientist Interview Panel, all items appearing on this agenda, whether expressly listed for action, may be deliberated upon and may be subject to action.

~ 10:00 AM: Meeting Starts

1. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Lisa Wainger, 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. Seminar Presentation by Dr. Gary Lamberti, titled "The Past, Present, and Future of Water Science"

Dr. Gary Lamberti will give a seminar presentation on his research and experience, and how it applies to the position, as well as his vision for the Delta Science Program.

3. Question and Answer Session on Seminar

Dr. Gary Lamberti will take and answer questions from the Delta Lead Scientist Interview Panel and from members of the public on his seminar presentation.

~ 11:00 AM: 15 Minute Break

~ 11:15 AM: Public Meeting Resumes

4. Meet and Greet

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. Gary Lamberti related to the Delta lead scientist position.

5. Public Comments

The Delta Lead Scientist Interview Panel will take public comments on topics within its jurisdiction that are not on the agenda.

~ 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM: Lunch/Break

~ 1:00 PM: Closed Session Begins

6. Closed Session (Personnel Matters): Appointment of the Delta Lead Scientist (Not Open to the Public)

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. Gary Lamberti.

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

~ 2:45 PM: Closed Session Ends and Reconvene Open Session

7. Reconvene Open Session and Report out on Closed Session

~ 3:00 PM: Meeting Adjourned

About the Candidate

Dr. Gary A. Lamberti is the Rev. Julius A. Nieuwland, C.S.C., Professor of Aquatic Science and Director of the Stream and Wetland Ecology Laboratory ([SWEL](#)) at the University of Notre Dame, where he teaches *Biostatistics*, *Stream Ecology*, *Restoration Ecology*, and *Galapagos Field Biology*, along with a variety of topical graduate courses. His major research interests include: (1) functional linkages among aquatic ecosystems including resource subsidies; (2) the effects of global perturbations such as invasive species and climate change on aquatic ecosystems and their food webs; and (3) the impacts of emerging organic contaminants on freshwater biota and humans.

Dr. Lamberti conducts his research in the Pacific Northwest and around the Laurentian Great Lakes. In Alaska, he investigates freshwater ecosystem responses to climate change, land use, and biological invasions, with a particular interest in the impacts on Pacific salmon. He has a particular interest in marine-derived resources delivered by spawning salmon. In the Great Lakes, he studies the uptake and biotransport of contaminants by migratory fishes with a focus on emerging contaminants such as PFAS. His laboratory also investigates the ecology of deltaic wetlands in Alaska and coastal wetlands of the Great Lakes, with the objective of understanding the function of these crucial ecosystems under global change. He has successfully mentored 30 M.S. and Ph.D. students to completion and over 100 undergraduates have conducted research in his laboratory. Dr. Lamberti has over 200 publications dealing with various aspects of aquatic ecology and has co-edited the Elsevier book *Methods in Stream Ecology*, now in its 3rd edition. Dr. Lamberti is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a Fellow and past-President of the Society for Freshwater Science, an international society of aquatic ecologists.

In 2022, he received the Award of Excellence from the Society for Freshwater Science, the highest award bestowed by the society for scientific achievement. He advises various national and international entities and serves on the advisory boards of several research institutes and biological stations. He also routinely conducts external reviews of academic and governmental programs. Dr. Lamberti recently served as a Program Director in the Division of Environmental Biology at the National Science Foundation.

Contact

- If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk of the Board at 916-902-6571 or disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov.
- If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact the Delta Stewardship Council's Human Resources Office at 916-445-5511.

Public Comments

- Members of the public shall be provided an opportunity to address the Delta Lead Scientist Interview Panel on any agenda items except closed session items and those items on the agenda for which the public has already been afforded such opportunity earlier at that meeting.
 - In addition, comments during the Public Comment period (Agenda Item 5) shall be limited to matters within the Delta Lead Scientist Interview Panel's jurisdiction and not on the agenda. Reasonable time limits may be established for public comments (Government Code Sections 11125.7).
- To make an oral public comment, please complete a blue card that is available near the entrance of the meeting location and provide it to the meeting clerk or panel member at that meeting location.
- If you are on the Zoom webcast and would like to provide oral public comments, please email the meeting clerk at disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov and provide a Zoom name, organization (if applicable – not required), and the agenda item you wish to comment on. Please be on mute until prompted by the Delta Lead Scientist Interview Panel chair to provide your comment. If you prefer to provide written comments, please email the meeting clerk the message that should be read to the Delta Lead Scientist Interview Panel during the agenda item.
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Parking Information

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