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## **COUNCIL HIRES NEW ASSISTANT DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR COMMUNICATIONS**

SACRAMENTO – The Delta Stewardship Council (Council) is pleased to name Abbott Dutton assistant deputy executive officer for communications as of June 9, 2021.

“Abbott brings to the Council a wealth of communications experience from her roles as communications director at the California Environmental Protection Agency’s (CalEPA) Department of Pesticide Regulation and years spent working in the news media,” says Executive Officer Jessica R. Pearson. “I look forward to working with Abbott to enhance outreach and communication about our work toward advancing the coequal goals of a reliable California water supply and resilient Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta ecosystem, in a manner that protects the unique values of the region.”

Abbott directs the Council’s communications and public participation units. Prior to joining the Council and since 2016, she worked in communications and external affairs. Most recently, Abbott served as assistant director for the Department of Pesticide Regulation and before that as media relations manager for the Department of Toxic Substances Control. In addition to her public affairs experience and knowledge, she worked for more than two decades as a radio and television reporter at local stations and networks including CBS, KGO, KMAX, and iHeart Radio. Abbott has a Bachelor of Science degree in tele-communications from California State University, San Diego.

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"I am excited to join a team of dedicated professionals who are passionate about protecting the Delta," Abbott says. "In my short time at the Council thus far, I'm impressed by the robust suite of outreach tools that staff employ to communicate the value of our agency's mission and activities to the Delta's decision-makers, stakeholders, and communities. I look forward to building upon these methods to reach new and existing audiences."

To learn more about the Council's leaders, please visit the [executive team web page](https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/executive-team) (deltacouncil.ca.gov/executive-team).

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### **ABOUT THE COUNCIL**

*Created by the California Legislature in 2009, the Delta Stewardship Council is composed of members who represent different parts of the state and offer diverse expertise in fields such as environmental issues, science, and public service. Of the seven, four are appointed by the Governor, one each by the Senate and Assembly, and the seventh is the chair of the Delta Protection Commission. For more information visit the [Council's website](https://deltacouncil.ca.gov) (deltacouncil.ca.gov).*