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THE COUNCIL APPOINTS NEW MEMBERS TO THE DELTA INDEPENDENT SCIENCE BOARD

SACRAMENTO – At its March 24, 2022 meeting, the Delta Stewardship Council appointed Dr. Jayantha Obeysekera, Dr. Anna Michalak, and Dr. Inge Werner to the Delta Independent Science Board in a unanimous vote.

“The three new Board members are world leaders in water resources, climate change and its effects on ecosystems, and ecotoxicology,” says Delta Lead Scientist Dr. Laurel Larsen. “They will bring energy, passion, and a wealth of relevant experience to the Board.”

Dr. Jayantha Obeysekera is the director of the Sea Level Solutions Center, Institute of Environment at Florida International University in Miami. Dr. Obeysekera has extensive experience in the planning and management of water resources systems, with particular emphasis on modeling and implications of climate change. His term begins on June 1, 2022.

Dr. Anna Michalak is the director of the Department of Global Ecology, Carnegie Institution for Science at Stanford University. Dr. Michalak’s research interests lie in two areas: assessing the impacts of climate change on inland and coastal water quality via influences on nutrient delivery to, and on conditions within, water bodies; and on understanding and quantifying the cycling and emissions of greenhouse gases at the Earth’s surface at urban to global scales – scales directly relevant to informing climate and policy – primarily through the use of atmospheric

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observations that provide the clearest constraints at these critical scales. Her term begins on November 1, 2022.

Dr. Inge Werner is the recently retired director of the Swiss Centre for Applied Ecotoxicology in Dübendorf, Switzerland. Dr. Werner's area of expertise is ecotoxicology. Her professional experience ranges from academic research in aquatic toxicology to a broad applied approach to risk and impact assessment in both aquatic and terrestrial environments. She worked closely with federal and local environmental agencies to improve environmental monitoring programs and cooperated in research projects with academic institutions throughout Europe and the United States. Her term begins on November 1, 2022.

In response to Dr. Jim Cloern's resignation in June 2021 and the term expirations of Dr. Harindra Fernando and Dr. Jay Lund in October 2022, the Council began the recruitment process in October 2021 for three independent scientists with appropriate expertise to evaluate the broad range of scientific programs that support adaptive management of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Applicants for this position submitted a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, and a list of five references. Applications were accepted through February 2022.

For more information and full biographies, please visit the [Delta ISB members web page](https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-isb/members) (<https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-isb/members>).

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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).

ABOUT THE DELTA ISB

Established in 2010, the Delta ISB is a board of 10 prominent scientists with expertise to evaluate the broad range of scientific programs that support adaptive management of the Delta region. The Delta ISB advises the Council and provides oversight of the scientific research, monitoring, and assessment programs in the Delta through periodic reviews.