Delta Stewardship Council Seeks Candidates to Fill Delta Independent Science Board Vacancies

The Delta Stewardship Council is seeking internationally prominent scientists to serve on the Delta Independent Science Board and provide oversight on the scientific enterprise of California’s Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

What is the Delta Independent Science Board?

The Delta Reform Act of 2009 created both the Delta Stewardship Council (Council) and the Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB). The Delta of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers is part of the largest estuarine ecosystem on the west coast of North America and is the hub of California’s extensive water supply system. The Delta ISB is charged with reviewing all scientific research, monitoring, and assessment programs that support adaptive management of the Delta. The Delta ISB also conducts reviews of specific documents or programs as requested by the Council and other agencies. Past reviews focused on topics, such as water quality, levee hazards, adaptive management of restoration, and flows for Delta fish. For more information about the Delta ISB, please visit https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/.

The Delta ISB meets monthly. The term of office for Delta ISB members is up to five years, and a member may serve two terms. Members are paid part-time for their work and are reimbursed for travel expenses to attend meetings. The Delta ISB meets in-person six times a year in Sacramento and throughout the Delta. In alternate months, the Delta ISB meets by teleconference.
Do I Qualify?

Candidates for the Delta ISB must meet the qualifications in the Delta Reform Act:

1. Be a nationally or internationally prominent scientist/engineer with appropriate expertise to evaluate the broad range of scientific programs that support adaptive management of the Delta.

2. Not be directly affiliated with a program or agency subject to the review activities of the Delta ISB.

Candidates must be able to participate in most Delta ISB meetings, including travel to in-person meetings; contribute to Delta ISB work products; collaborate with colleagues from other disciplines; and be comfortable reviewing materials from areas outside their expertise.

How Do I Apply?

The Council is seeking to fill up to six upcoming vacancies by September 2020 and will consider candidates across a wide range of expertise including biology, chemistry, physical sciences, and social sciences. If you have questions about the vacancies or wish to nominate, please contact Dr. John Callaway, the Delta Lead Scientist, at john.callaway@deltacouncil.ca.gov. Applications are due by September 30, 2019 and must contain: 1) a letter of interest, 2) a CV, and 3) a list of five references. Please submit applications to disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov.

The Delta Stewardship Council strives to be an inclusive organization that values diversity at all levels of the organization and is committed to fostering an environment in which employees from a variety of backgrounds, cultures, and personal experiences are welcomed and can thrive.