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COUNCIL HIRES NEW DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR ADMINISTRATION

SACRAMENTO – The Delta Stewardship Council has appointed Sarah Keck as deputy executive officer for administration, effective March 14. In this position, Keck is responsible for the administrative functions of the Council, including human

resources, finance, procurement and contracts, facility operations, and information technology.

"Sarah brings a breadth of experience that we are thrilled to have lead our administration division," said Chief Deputy Executive Officer Ryan Stanbra.

Most recently, Keck served as the California Victims Compensation Board's deputy executive officer of administration. In this role, she oversaw operations to reimburse crime-related expenses and connected victims with services and support. Prior to that, Keck was the California Environmental Protection Agency's deputy director of administration, finance, and information technology services for CalRecycle. During her tenure, and in addition to overseeing the administrative operations and fiscal policy development for the beverage container recycling & waste management programs, Keck worked with local, State, and federal government in response to wildfire disasters. She was also responsible for maintaining the programs' safety measures during the pandemic. Her civil service career began in finance, holding positions such as CalRecycle's chief financial officer and various administrative roles at the California Debt & Investment Advisory Commission, Department of Transportation, and Department of Forestry & Fire Protection.

"I have a deep passion for nature, the environment, and science," says Keck. "I am so excited to join the administration division and support the scientific and planning efforts of the Council."

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER Jessica R. Pearson Keck has a Bachelor of Science in business administration with a concentration in accounting from California State University, Sacramento. She succeeds Mary Wray, who retired in 2022.

To learn more about Keck and the Council's leaders, visit the <u>executive team web</u> <u>page</u> (deltacouncil.ca.gov/executive-team).

For more information, contact <u>media@deltacouncil.ca.gov</u>.

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ABOUT THE COUNCIL

The Delta Stewardship Council was created by the California Legislature in 2009 to advance California's water supply reliability and the Delta's ecosystem resiliency in a manner that protects and enhances the region's unique characteristics. It is composed of seven members, advised by an independent 10-member science board, and supported by a dedicated staff. For more information visit the <u>Council's</u> <u>website</u> (deltacouncil.ca.gov).