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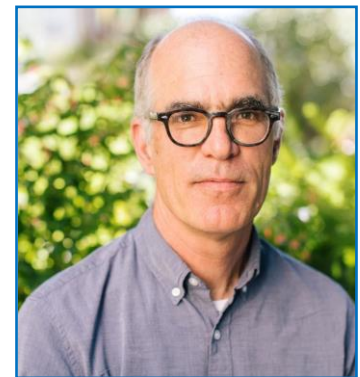
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Council Appoints New Lead Scientist

Restoration Expert with Three Decades of Experience Will Lead Science Program

SACRAMENTO – Dr. John Callaway, an internationally recognized expert in wetland restoration, specifically wetland plant ecology and sediment dynamics, was unanimously appointed by the Council on Thursday (July 27) as Lead Scientist. Most recently, Dr. Callaway has served as the director of the Master’s Program in Environmental Management at the University of San Francisco.



Dr. John Callaway

In making the appointment, Council Chair Randy Fiorini said, “With his broad understanding of water-related science, his research into carbon dynamics in tidal wetlands, as well as the potential impacts of climate change on tidal wetland ecosystems in the San Francisco Bay John will provide crucial knowledge and scientific leadership as we implement both the Delta Plan and the Delta Science Plan.”

“I look forward to the continuing efforts of building a collaborative scientific community with its search for common truths on the many critical issues that face the Delta,” Dr. Callaway said. “The development of *One Delta-One Science* is clearly a project of critical importance to California that is helping set standards of how the best available science can more effectively inform the making of policy.”

Callaway’s appointment was the result of a nationwide search and is effective Aug. 2. He replaces Dr. Clifford Dahm, an internationally recognized expert in aquatic ecology, climatology, restoration biology, and a professor emeritus of biology at the University of New Mexico who served two terms in the post of Lead Scientist.

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“Coequal goals” means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place.”

– CA Water Code §85054

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Prior to his position at USF, Callaway was the Associate Director of the Pacific Estuarine Research Laboratory at San Diego State University. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Estuary Institute and has served on a number of advisory panels on wetland management issues including for projects in Louisiana, Venice Lagoon (Italy), San Francisco Bay, and Southern California.

Callaway currently teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in introductory environmental science, wetland ecology, and restoration ecology. His most recent research has focused on measuring carbon sequestration in San Francisco Bay wetlands, evaluating the potential impacts of climate change on coastal wetlands, and assessing sediment accumulation rates in restored wetlands.

A biology graduate from the University of California, Berkeley, Callaway received his master's degree in biology from San Francisco State University and his Ph.D. in oceanography and coastal sciences from Louisiana State University. When not working, Callaway and his wife, Patricia Cruse, enjoy biking, hiking, and canoeing throughout California.

To review Dr. Callaway's curriculum vitae, [please click here](#).

For a high-resolution photo of Dr. Callaway, please contact: eric.alvarez@deltacouncil.ca.gov

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About the Council

Created by the 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 agriculture, science, the environment, 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 <http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/>

For more than five years, California dealt with the effects of drought. To learn about all the actions the state has taken to manage our water system and cope with the impacts of the drought, visit Drought.CA.Gov. Every Californian should take steps to conserve water. Find out how at SaveOurWater.com.