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Council Names New Chief Deputy Executive Officer

SACRAMENTO – The Delta Stewardship Council announced that Jessica Law, the Council’s Special Assistant for Planning and Science, would assume the key post of Chief Deputy Executive Officer effective Aug. 2.



Jessica Law

“Ms. Law has demonstrated her acumen for managing large and complex processes and projects while working at the intersection of planning, policy, science, and communications,” Delta Stewardship Council Executive Officer Jessica R. Pearson said. “With more than 12 years of experience in the private and public sector, her multidisciplinary approach will complement the management needs of our organization as we carry out the implementation of the Delta Plan and Delta Science Plan.”

Since March of last year, Ms. Law has successfully planned and executed three semiannual Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee meetings for the Council, with focused discussions on interagency priorities for high-impact science actions, adaptive management, ecosystem restoration, integrated ecosystem modeling, and other State-Federal agency priorities that support implementation of the Delta Plan and the Delta Science Plan. Under her leadership, the Council, along with the US Geological Survey, developed and co-hosted the Science Enterprise Workshop that gathered national experts to discuss how to better manage, fund, and communicate collaborative science to support decision-making.

“The Council, our staff, and our partners carry out critical research and program work to achieve the coequal goals. I’m looking forward to supporting those efforts and building our capacity to continue making real progress towards sustainability for the Delta,” Ms. Law said.

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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 joining the Council, Ms. Law worked in the private sector consulting for state, regional, and local agencies on an array of land-use and environmental programs, with a special focus in public outreach and communications. The majority of her work focused on the Central Valley and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Ms. Law is a member of the American Planning Association and the American Institute of Certified Planners, and holds a bachelor's degree in Ecological Biology from Connecticut College and a Masters in Regional Planning from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

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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/>