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Harriet Lai Ross Joins the Delta Stewardship Council's Planning and Performance Division

The Delta Stewardship Council (Council) is pleased to name Harriet Lai Ross as the assistant planning director for its Planning and Performance Division effective March 6, 2019.

"Ross is well-respected for her extensive knowledge of land use planning in the region and is a valuable addition to our agency," said Jessica Law, the Council's chief deputy executive officer. "She will help us build our capacity and expertise towards creating stronger connections to local and regional planning work."

Ross brings to the Council more than 20 years of experience in land use, policy, and environmental planning. She was previously a community planning program manager with Environmental Science Associates where she directed the firm's Community Planning Program for northern California. In her role, Ross oversaw all of the program's marketing efforts, managed large-scale projects, and was involved in the program's budgeting and operations.

In addition, Ross is deeply experienced in the oversight and preparation of complex planning projects and associated environmental documentation for a wide range of landscapes, from agricultural and rural areas to urban and developed communities. Through her previous work, Ross has been instrumental in preparing plans that identified and addressed a community's needs and created a framework for their future.

"The Delta is an amazing resource and dynamic place. I look forward to applying my experience and working with the various agencies, interests, and communities to improve the region's long-term sustainability," Ross said of her new role with the Council.

Ross holds a master's in urban planning from the University of California, Los Angeles and two bachelor's degrees from the University of California, Santa Barbara in environmental studies and geography.

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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/>

"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