

## **Nomination of Delta Independent Science Board Members**

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**Summary:** The Delta Lead Scientist, Dr. Peter Goodwin, will report on the results of the search to fill two vacancies on the Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB) and provide his nominations to the Council for their approval.

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### **Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB) Vacancies**

Dr. Goodwin will brief the Council on his recommendations to fill two vacancies on the Delta ISB as outlined in his memo to Chair Isenberg (Attachment 1). The Delta ISB was created as part of the Delta Reform Act of 2009 (Water Code Section 85280(a)) to provide oversight of the scientific research, monitoring, and assessment programs that support adaptive management of the Delta. The Act specifies the following criteria for Delta ISB members:

The Delta Independent Science Board shall consist of no more than 10 members appointed by the council. The term of office for members of the Delta Independent Science Board shall be five years. A member may serve no more than two terms. (Water Code Section 85280(a)(1))

Members of the Delta Independent Science Board shall be nationally or internationally prominent scientists with appropriate expertise to evaluate the broad range of scientific programs that support adaptive management of the Delta. The members shall not be directly affiliated with a program or agency subject to the review activities of the Delta Independent Science Board (Water Code Section 85280(a)(2))

The vacancies on the Delta ISB were created by the resignation of Dr. Michael Healey on March 5, 2012 due to personal commitments, and Dr. Jeffrey Mount, who will be retiring from his position as faculty at the University of California, Davis, on October 31, 2012 and wishes to step down from the Delta ISB at the same time (Attachment 2).

The search to fill these vacancies began on April 24, 2012 with a posting on the Delta Stewardship Council website and continued through June 4, 2012. The American Society of Environmental Engineering Professors and the American Society of Civil Engineers were also invited to distribute the announcement. In addition, nominations and applications were solicited from individuals by DSC and Delta Science Program staff.

As a result of these efforts, 19 individuals demonstrated an initial interest in the initial vacancy. A short list of five applicants was developed and a reference check was conducted on three of them.

Based on the outcome of this process, Dr. Goodwin is nominating the following two individuals:

Dr. Harindra (Joseph) Fernando, at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, is an engineer with expertise in hydrodynamics, risk, climate change, and modeling. Dr. Fernando would replace Dr. Healey effective upon Council approval of the appointment.

Dr. Jay Lund, at the University of California, Davis, is an engineer with expertise in water resources. His appointment, if approved by the Council, would be effective November 1, 2012 and he would replace Dr. Mount.

Additional information about the qualifications of the two nominees can be found in their Curriculum Vitae, which are attached to Dr. Goodwin's memo (Attachment 1).

### **List of Attachments**

Attachment 1: Memo - Recommendation for New Members for the Delta Independent Science Board, from Peter Goodwin, Lead Scientist, to Phil Isenberg and the Delta Stewardship Council, dated August 14, 2012

Attachment 2: Letter to Phil Isenberg, Chair, Delta Stewardship Council and Dr. Peter Goodwin, Lead Scientist, Delta Science Program, from Jeffrey Mount, dated August 14, 2012.

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