

Nomination of Delta Independent Science Board Member

Summary: The Delta Lead Scientist, Dr. Peter Goodwin, will report on the results of the search to fill the vacancy on the Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB) and nominate Dr. Stephen Brandt to the Council for its appointment.

Requested Action: Appoint Dr. Brandt for a position on the Delta ISB.

Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB) Vacancies

Dr. Goodwin will brief the Council on his recommendation to fill one vacancy 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 provides that the Delta ISB shall consist of no more than 10 members appointed by the Council. It further 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 vacancy on the Delta ISB was created by the resignation of Dr. Ed Houde on May 16, 2013 due to his appointment as Vice President for Education at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science.

The search to fill the vacancy began on June 17, 2013 with a posting on the Delta Stewardship Council website and continued through September 3, 2013. The American Fisheries Society, American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists, National Association of University Fisheries and Wildlife Programs, Coastal & Estuarine Research Federation, and Consortium for Ocean Leadership were also invited to distribute the announcement. In addition, nominations and applications were invited from the Delta Stewardship Council and the broader Delta Science Community.

As a result of this search process, a short list of applicants from the general pool was developed. This was followed by interviews and reference checks. The Delta Science Program would like to thank the many individuals who expressed interest in this position.

Based on the outcome of this search process, Dr. Goodwin nominates the following individual for consideration of appointment by the Delta Stewardship Council:

Dr. Stephen Brandt,
Professor, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife,
Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon

Dr. Brandt would replace Dr. Houde effective upon Council appointment.

Additional information about the qualifications of the nominee can be found in his Curriculum Vitae (Attachment 2).

List of Attachments

Attachment 1: Memorandum to Chair Isenberg
Attachment 2: Dr. Brandt Curriculum Vitae

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