

Presentation from the 2013 Class of Science Fellows for the Delta Science Program

Summary: The Delta Science Fellows Program funds postdoctoral and graduate researchers to work with mentors both from universities and non-academic organizations on Delta research priorities. Incoming Fellows for the 2013 Class will provide short presentations about their projects.

Background

The purpose of the Science Fellows Program is to build collaborative science links between universities and agencies or organizations conducting science in the Delta. Delta Science Fellows and their research projects are selected through a rigorous external peer-review process. The goal of funding this research is to invest in advancing the understanding of the complex Delta system and aid policymakers and managers to evaluate the potential outcomes of Delta Plan implementation steps, be relevant to the State's coequal goals, and develop the next generation of research scientists. Each selected Science Fellow works on a two-year research project at the research mentor's university closely collaborating with a community mentor from a relevant Bay-Delta agency.

Due to additional funding support from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and the California Department of Water Resources, the Delta Science Program in conjunction with California Sea Grant was able to award Fellowships for 2013 to 10 outstanding candidates – twice the number that otherwise would have been awarded. The total amount awarded was \$1,363,067 (Attachment 1). The individual recipients of these awards are described in Attachment 2.

The Science Program in conjunction with California Sea Grant organized a two-day (September 25-26, 2013) *Early Career Leadership Workshop* for the Fellows Class of 2013. The purpose of the workshop is to enhance the experience of the Science Fellows by ensuring that they understand the context of their research within the challenges of managing the Delta, particularly related to the Delta Stewardship Council. The workshop also provides early career leadership training on planning a successful career in science, global trends in science, and the importance of the science-policy interface. One half day of the workshop is devoted to the importance of effective science communication and discovery.

Each Fellow participating in the Early Career Leadership Workshop will provide a two-minute presentation about their research project to the Council. More information about the Delta Science Fellows Program including the recipients of the 2013 award and all previous years can be found at <http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/science-program/fellows-program>

List of Attachments

Attachment 1: Recipients of the 2013 Delta Science Program Fellowships
Attachment 2: Reprint From: California Sea Grant's News Blog "Our Ocean"

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