



## Delta Independent Science Board

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**Subject: Recommendation for the Lead Scientist for the  
Delta Science Program**

Dear Chair Tatayon and Members of the Delta Stewardship Council:

On behalf of the Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB), I am writing to inform you of the outcome from the closed session portion of the Delta ISB's meeting on April 7, 2020, where we discussed the appointment of the next Lead Scientist for the Delta Science Program (Delta Lead Scientist). Overall, the Delta ISB found the pool of applicants to be highly competitive and noted that all four candidates were suitable for the Delta Lead Scientist position. The strong pool of applicants speaks to the rising stature of the Delta Science Program at the national level.

At the meeting, we identified Dr. Laurel Larsen as the preferred candidate for the Delta Lead Scientist position by unanimous vote of the nine members of the Delta ISB who participated in the decision. Dr. Larsen has many attributes that contributed to our selection including her distinguished record as a scientist, her excellent leadership and communication skills, and our confidence in her ability to rise to the challenges of the Delta Lead Scientist position.

We plan to present the Delta ISB's recommendation to the Delta Stewardship Council at your next meeting on April 30, 2020. I also want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the full engagement of you and the other representatives of the Delta Stewardship Council who served on the Interview Panel. I look forward to working with you as we complete the search process and during the on boarding of the next Delta Lead Scientist.

Yours sincerely,

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