

DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 2023-08

DELTA LEAD SCIENTIST APPOINTMENT

WHEREAS, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 (Delta Reform Act), Water Code section 85000 *et seq.*, establishes the Delta Science Program and provides that the Delta Stewardship Council (Council) shall appoint a lead scientist to oversee implementation of the Delta Science Program (Delta Lead Scientist) (Water Code §§ 85280(b) and 85280(b)(3)); and

WHEREAS, the current Delta Lead Scientist is leaving the position on November 30, 2023, seven months before the end of her second term; and

WHEREAS, the Council is currently recruiting a new Delta Lead Scientist, and does not anticipate completing the recruitment process and filling the position before the summer of 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Council has several significant near-term priorities that require the attention of a Delta Lead Scientist; and

WHEREAS, the Delta Reform Act sets forth the qualifications for the Delta Lead Scientist position (Water Code § 85280(b)(1); and

WHEREAS, the Delta Reform Act requires the Council to consult with the Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB) before appointing a Delta Lead Scientist (Water Code § 85280(b)); and

WHEREAS, the Council and the United States Geological Survey have jointly identified Dr. Lisamarie Windham-Myers as a potential Delta Lead Scientist to oversee the Delta Science Program until the recruitment process is completed; and

WHEREAS, the Council has consulted with the Delta ISB (Water Code §§ 85280(b)); and

WHEREAS, the Delta ISB supports the appointment of Dr. Windham-Myers after having reviewed the qualifications of Dr. Lisamarie Windham-Myers and determining that Dr. Windham-Meyers meets the qualifications for Delta lead scientist; and

WHEREAS, the Council has the authority to appoint a Delta Lead Scientist for a term of up to three years. (Water Code §§ 85280(b).)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL THAT:

1. The Council hereby finds the foregoing recitals to be true and correct and incorporates them herein.
2. The Council hereby appoints Dr. Lisamarie Windham-Myers as Delta lead scientist while the recruitment process for a Delta Lead Scientist is completed. This appointment shall not preclude Dr. Lisamarie Windham-Myers from participating as an applicant in the recruitment process.
3. The term of office for Dr. Windham-Myers shall begin on December 1, 2023, and conclude on June 30, 2024, unless extended by the Council. This term may be extended by the Council at its discretion for up to three years pursuant to Water Code section 85280(b)(2).

CERTIFICATION

On a motion by Councilmember _____, seconded by Councilmember _____, and a vote of the Council, the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Delta Stewardship Council by the following vote at a regular meeting of the Delta Stewardship Council on October 26, 2023.

Burgis _____
Damrell _____
Hueso _____
Lee _____
Madueño _____
Mehraninan _____
Zingale _____

Dated: October 26, 2023

Emma Askea
Clerk of the Board of the Delta Stewardship Council