

DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 2026-07

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 (WC §§ 85280(b) and 85280(b)(3)); and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Delta Science Program is to provide the best possible unbiased scientific information to inform water and environmental decision-making in the Delta (WC § 85280(b)(4)); and

WHEREAS, the term of office for the Delta Lead Scientist shall be no more than three years. The Delta Lead Scientist may serve no more than two terms (Water Code § 85280(b)(2)); and

WHEREAS, the current term for the Delta Lead Scientist, Dr. Lisamarie Windham-Myers, will conclude on November 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lisamarie Windham-Myers is interested in a second term; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lisamarie Windham-Myers meets the qualifications for the Delta Lead Scientist position (Water Code § 85280(b)(1)); and

WHEREAS, the Council has consulted with the Delta ISB (Water Code § 85280(b)); and the Delta ISB supports the appointment of Dr. Lisamarie Windham-Myers to a second term (see Attachment A, Delta Independent Science Board's Recommendation dated September 1, 2026, for the Appointment of a Delta Lead Scientist); and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior through the United States Geological Survey currently supports the Delta Lead Scientist position through a Memorandum of Agreement with the Council, which is in effect through December 27, 2029; and

WHEREAS, the Council has the authority to appoint a Delta Lead Scientist for a term of up to three years for a total of two terms (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 and all Attachments to this Resolution herein.
- 2. The Council hereby appoints Dr. Lisamarie Windham-Myers as Delta Lead Scientist to a second term from December 1, 2026, through November 30, 2029.

Attachment A: Delta Independent Science Board’s Recommendation dated September 1, 2026, for the Appointment of a Delta Lead Scientist

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 September 24, 2026.

Burgis _____
Eggman _____
Lee _____
Miller _____
Mehranian _____
Patterson _____
Zingale _____

Dated: September 24, 2026

Emma Askea _____
Clerk of the Board of the Delta Stewardship Council