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2022 Annual Report

In Pursuit of Equitable, Enduring, and
Science-Based Solutions

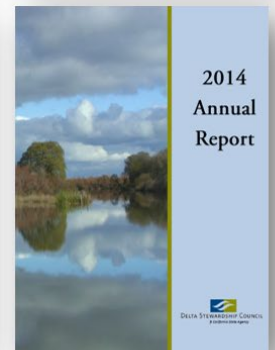
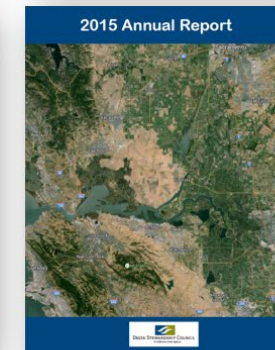
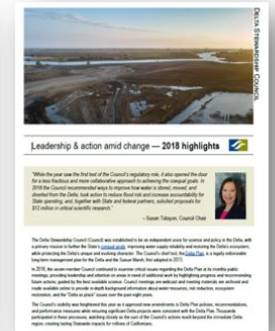
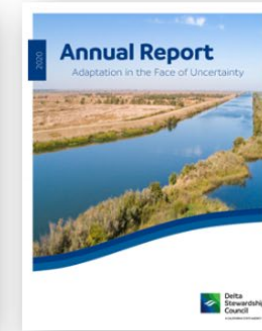
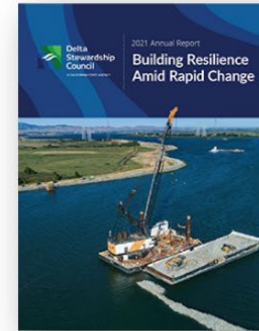


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What is the Annual Report?

- Each year, the Delta Stewardship Council develops a report to showcase the progress made toward California's coequal goals for the Delta

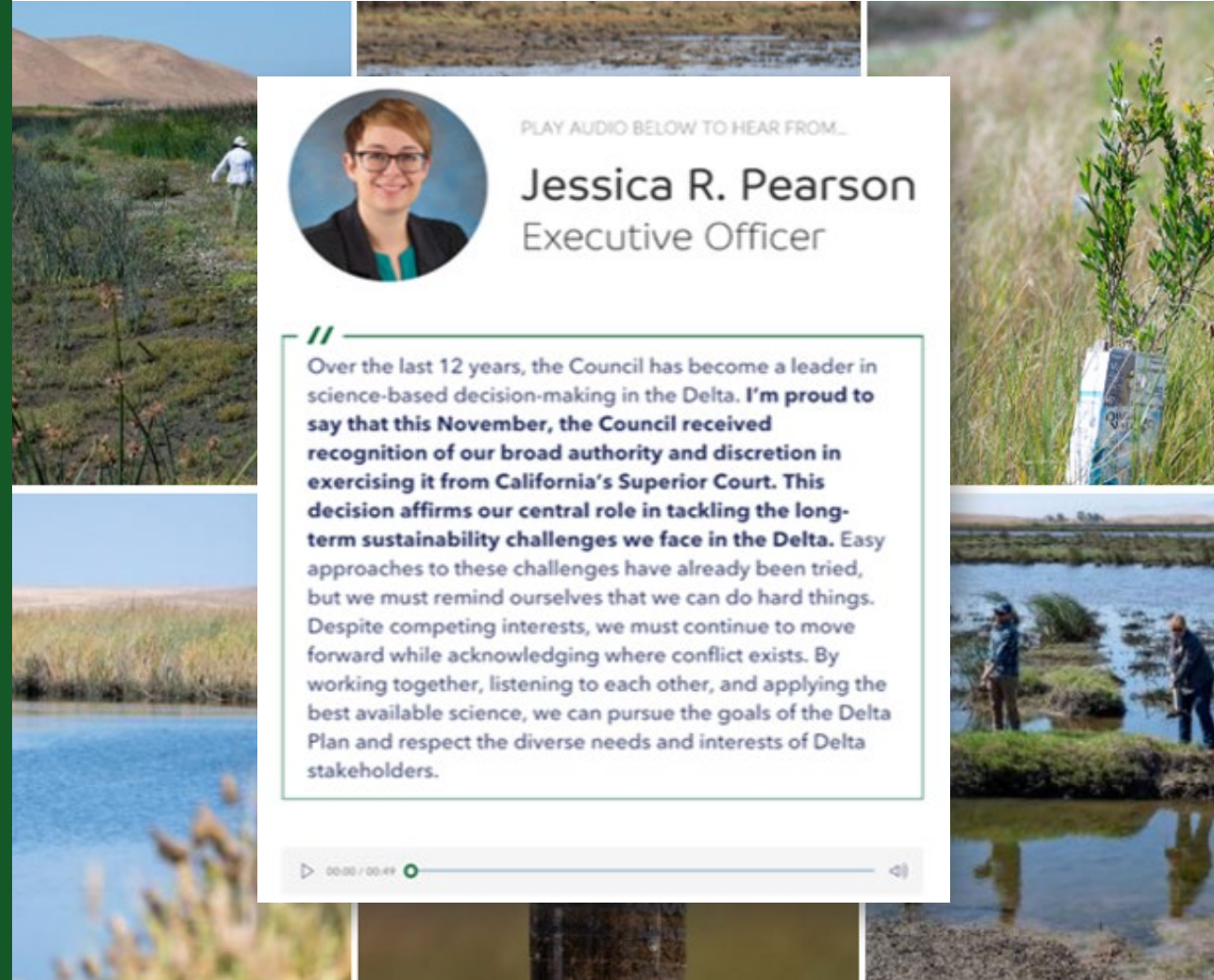


The 2022 Annual Report



The Delta Plan

- A common vision for taking on challenges in the Delta



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Jessica R. Pearson
Executive Officer

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Over the last 12 years, the Council has become a leader in science-based decision-making in the Delta. I'm proud to say that this November, the Council received recognition of our broad authority and discretion in exercising it from California's Superior Court. This decision affirms our central role in tackling the long-term sustainability challenges we face in the Delta. Easy approaches to these challenges have already been tried, but we must remind ourselves that we can do hard things. Despite competing interests, we must continue to move forward while acknowledging where conflict exists. By working together, listening to each other, and applying the best available science, we can pursue the goals of the Delta Plan and respect the diverse needs and interests of Delta stakeholders.

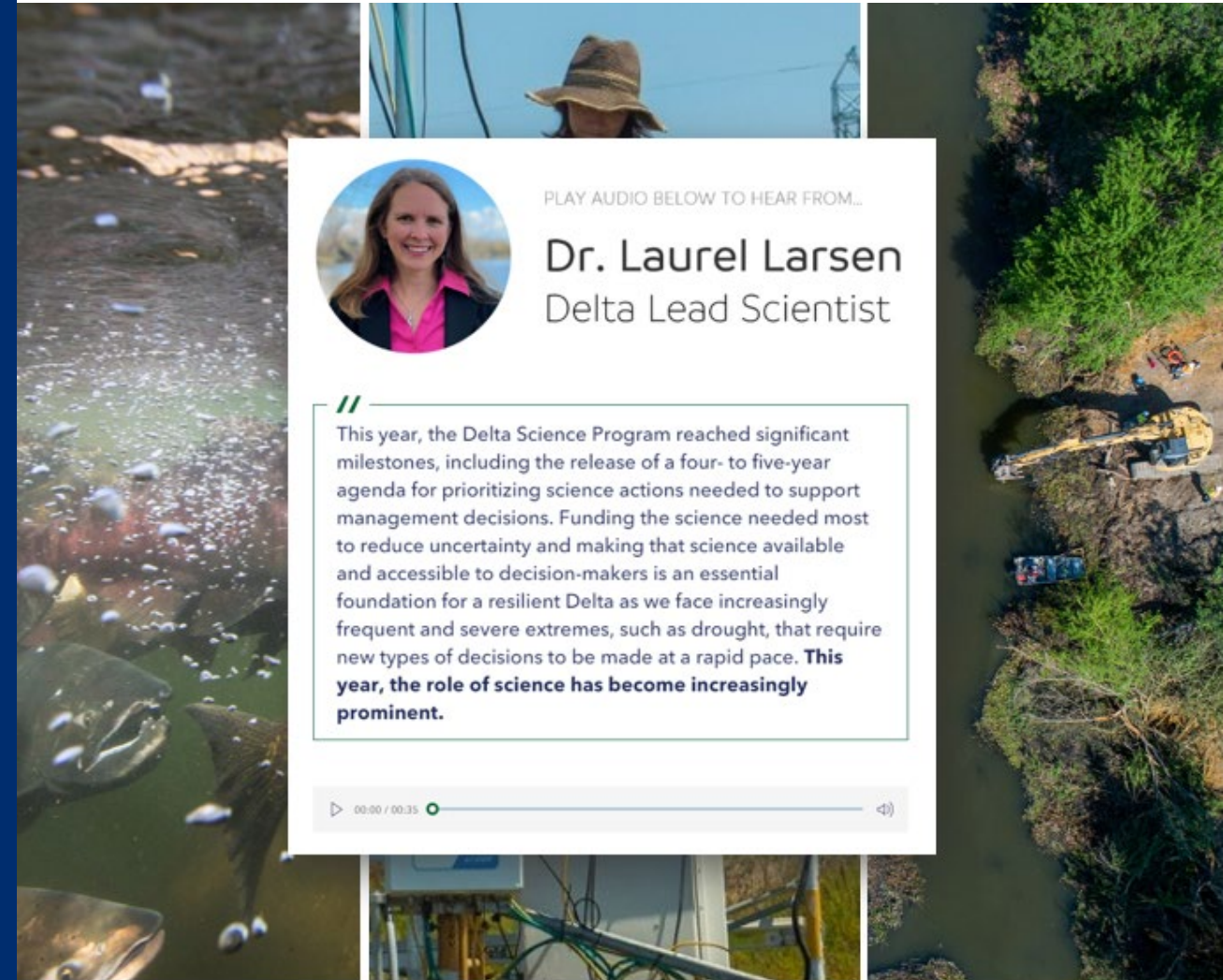
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Performance Measures




Science

- Advancing the Delta Science Strategy
- Funding & communicating research



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 **Dr. Laurel Larsen**
Delta Lead Scientist

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This year, the Delta Science Program reached significant milestones, including the release of a four- to five-year agenda for prioritizing science actions needed to support management decisions. Funding the science needed most to reduce uncertainty and making that science available and accessible to decision-makers is an essential foundation for a resilient Delta as we face increasingly frequent and severe extremes, such as drought, that require new types of decisions to be made at a rapid pace. **This year, the role of science has become increasingly prominent.**

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Scientific Findings



Conclusion

- Timeline of communication-related milestones
- Closing thoughts



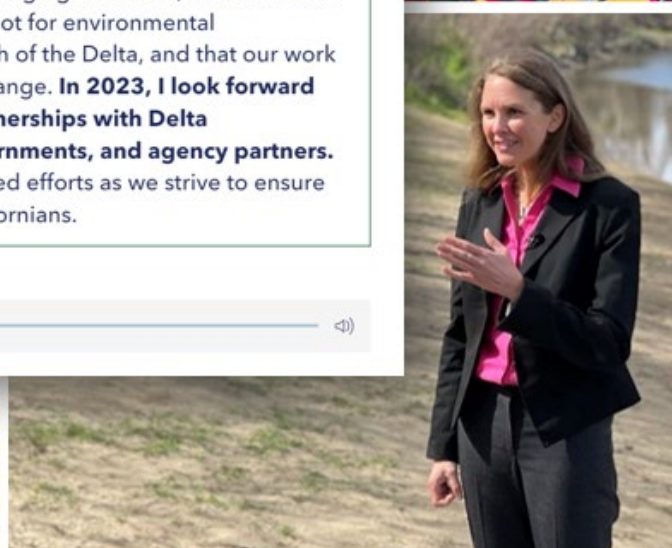
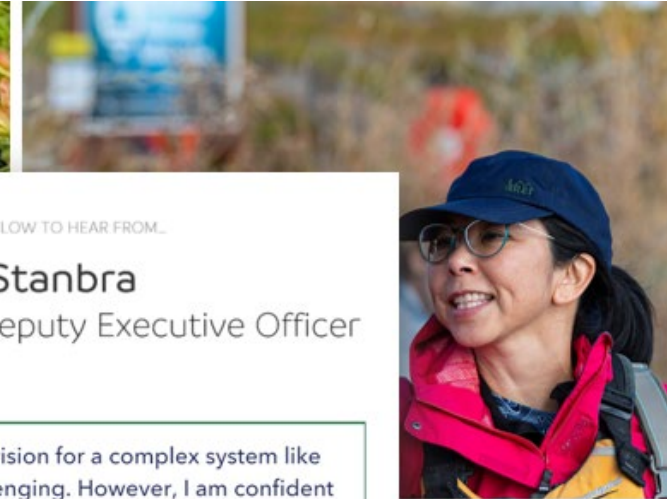
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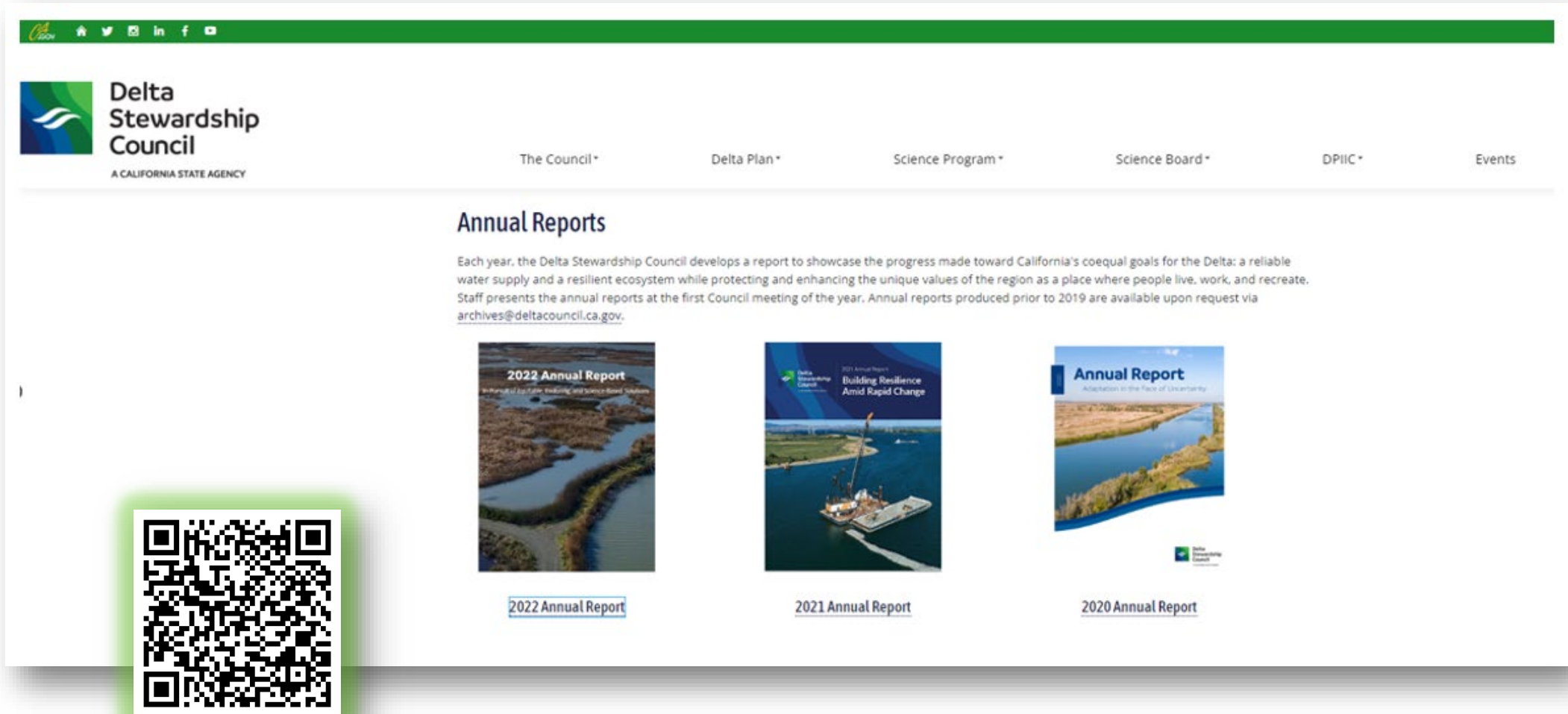
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Implementing a long-term vision for a complex system like the Delta is inherently challenging. However, I am confident there is positive change afoot for environmental management and the health of the Delta, and that our work will be a key part of that change. **In 2023, I look forward to strengthening our partnerships with Delta communities, Tribal Governments, and agency partners.** Thank you for your continued efforts as we strive to ensure a resilient Delta for all Californians.

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Annual Reports


Each year, the Delta Stewardship Council develops a report to showcase the progress made toward California's coequal goals for the Delta: a reliable water supply and a resilient ecosystem while protecting and enhancing the unique values of the region as a place where people live, work, and recreate. Staff presents the annual reports at the first Council meeting of the year. Annual reports produced prior to 2019 are available upon request via archives@deltacouncil.ca.gov.




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