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Meeting Notice: Delta Lead Scientist Interview Panel Teleconference Meeting

Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 17, 2019
Meeting Time: 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM PST

Meeting/Public Access Location

Park Tower
980 Ninth Street, 15th Floor Conference Room
Sacramento, CA 95814

Additional Teleconference Locations

Location 1:
6529 Celia Vista Drive
San Diego, CA 92115

Location 2:
9390 Miller Road NE
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Location 3:
2415 Eisenhower Avenue
Room W8163
Alexandria, VA 22314

Webcast

The teleconference meeting will not be webcast.

Meeting Materials

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Background

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) and the Delta Stewardship Council (Council) are in the process of recruiting the next lead scientist for the Delta Science Program, whose term would begin in fall 2020. The [job posting](#) was released on July 26, 2019, and the application period for priority consideration closed on October 15, 2019. Pursuant to California Water Code section 85280(b), the Delta lead scientist is appointed by the Council after consultation with the Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB). Six applications were received and the Delta lead scientist interview panel, an advisory committee to the Delta ISB, determined at its public meeting on October 29, 2019 that four of the six applicants are qualified for further consideration.

Purpose

On December 17, 2019, the Delta lead scientist interview panel will meet in closed session, pursuant to California Government Code section 11126(a)(1), to consider the matter of appointment of a Delta lead scientist. The panel will discuss feedback obtained from the Delta ISB at its closed session on November 14, 2019 (pursuant to California Government Code section 11126(a)(1)) on the qualifications of the four applicants under consideration for appointment, conflict of interest vetting of the applicants, and results of reference checks for the applicants.

Based on the discussion, the interview panel may take action on whether to move forward with interviews for any or all of the four applicants. Afterwards, the interview panel will reconvene in open session and report out if action was taken to move forward with interviews, and discuss next steps for the recruitment process.

Agenda

The agenda items listed below may be considered in a different order pursuant to the determination of the interview panel chair. Times listed on the agenda are approximate only. At the direction of the interview panel, all items appearing on this agenda, whether or not expressly listed for action, may be deliberated upon and may be subject to action.

With the exception of agenda item 2, all other agenda items are open to the public.

1:30 PM ~ Meeting starts

1. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Elizabeth Canuel, the interview panel chair, will call the meeting to order and take roll of the interview panel, which consists of representatives from the Delta ISB, Council, and USGS.

2. Closed Session (Personnel Matters): Appointment of the Delta Lead Scientist (Action Item)

The panel will discuss feedback obtained from the Delta ISB at its closed session on November 14, 2019 (pursuant to California Government Code section 11126(a)(1)) on the qualifications of the four applicants under consideration for appointment, conflict of interest vetting of the applicants, and results of reference checks for the applicants. Based on the discussion, the interview panel may take action on whether to move forward with interviews with the four applicants that are being considered for appointment.

(This closed session is authorized under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (a).)

3. Reconvene Open Session

The interview panel will report out if action was taken on moving forward with interviews with any or all of the four applicants. If action is taken, the interview panel will report out by roll call on the action taken to move forward with interviews of the applicants and the number of potential interviewees.

4. Next Steps in the Delta Lead Scientist Recruitment Process (Action Item)

The interview panel will discuss next steps in the recruitment process, including the process for scheduling interviews, and may take action to move forward with specific next steps.

5. Public Comments

The interview panel will take public comments on topics within its jurisdiction that are not on the agenda.

3:00 PM ~ Meeting adjourned

Additional Information

- If you have any questions, please contact Edmund Yu at 916-445-0637 or Edmund.Yu@deltacouncil.ca.gov.
- Members of the public shall be provided an opportunity to address the interview panel on any agenda items except closed session items and those items for which the public has already been afforded such opportunity at an earlier meeting. In addition, comments during the Public Comment period shall be limited to matters within the interview panel's jurisdiction and not on the agenda. Reasonable time limits may be established for public comments (California Government Code Sections 11125.7).
- If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact the Human Resources Office, Delta Stewardship Council at (916) 445-5511, TDD (800) 735-2929.