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Meeting Notice of the Delta Lead Scientist Interview Panel (Teleconference)

Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Time: 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM PST

Meeting/Public Access Location

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

Additional Teleconference Locations

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

Location 2:
The Hotel La Jolla, 7955 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037

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

Webcast

The teleconference meeting will not be webcast.

Meeting Materials

Materials referenced in this notice are available on the [events web page](https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/events) at <https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/events>. Members of the public are encouraged to visit the events web page to view the meeting materials. A limited number of copies of these materials will be available at the meeting.

Background

The United States Geological Survey and the Delta Stewardship 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. The Delta Stewardship Council appoints the Delta lead scientist after consultation with the Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB), pursuant to California Water Code section 85280(b). 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 six applicants are qualified candidates for further consideration. The Delta ISB provided feedback on the qualifications of the four applicants at its public meeting on November 14, 2019, and reference checks were conducted on all four applicants. Based on the results of the reference checks and the feedback from the Delta ISB, the Delta lead scientist interview panel unanimously decided on December 17, 2019, to move forward with interviews and with conflict of interest vetting of the four applicants who are being further considered.

Purpose

On January 15, 2020, 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 interview panel will discuss conflict of interest vetting of the applicants and applicant interviews.

Based on the discussion, the interview panel may take action regarding the applicants selected for interviews based on initial conflict of interest vetting. After, the interview panel will reconvene in open session and report out if action was taken regarding the applicants selected for interviews based on initial conflict of interest vetting and to 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 discretion 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.

2:30 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, the Delta Stewardship Council, and the United States Geological Survey.

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

The interview panel will discuss conflict of interest vetting of the applicants and applicant interviews. Based on the discussion, the interview panel may take action regarding the applicants selected for interviews based on initial conflict of interest vetting.

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

3. Reconvene Open Session and Report Out of Closed Session

The interview panel will report out if action was taken regarding the applicants selected for interviews based on initial conflict of interest vetting. If action is taken, the interview panel will report out by roll call the action taken regarding the number of applicants selected for interviews based on initial conflict of interest vetting and the number of applicants selected for interviews.

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

The interview panel will discuss next steps in the recruitment process, including 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.

4:30 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 Delta Stewardship Council's Human Resources Office at (916) 445-5511, TDD (800) 735-2929.