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COUNCIL APPOINTS THREE NEW DELTA INDEPENDENT SCIENCE BOARD MEMBERS

SACRAMENTO – The Delta Independent Science Board has welcomed three new members – Dr. Peter Goodwin, Dr. Cathleen Jones, and Dr. Steve Lindley – who were appointed to five-year terms by the Delta Stewardship Council on July 24, 2025.

“These three new board members are poised to make immediate and lasting contributions,” said Delta Lead Scientist Dr. Lisamarie Windham-Myers. “As world leaders in their fields, they elevate and expand the depth and breadth of the Delta ISB. We are grateful for their willingness to serve our mission during these times of rapid change.”

Dr. Peter Goodwin served as the President of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science from 2017 to 2024 and was also the Delta Lead Scientist from 2012 to 2015, among many other leadership positions. He is an internationally recognized expert in ecosystem restoration, ecohydraulics, and enhancement of river, wetland, and estuarine systems. Dr. Goodwin is the founding director of the Center for Ecohydraulics Research at the University of Idaho, an interdisciplinary group working on the simulation of ecological responses to management actions or changes in physical processes of rivers, lakes, estuaries, and wetlands.

Dr. Cathleen Jones is a senior research scientist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Her work has led to major geophysical advances, including the demonstration and refinement on the use of remote sensing for measuring land subsidence and more localized surface deformation impacting levees and aqueducts. Her work with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) was recognized with the Remote Sensing and Drought Science Service Award from DWR in 2015, and with the Kevin J. Neese Award from the Groundwater Resources Association of California in 2019.

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Dr. Steve Lindley recently retired after 15 years as the director of the National Marine Fisheries Service's Southwest Fisheries Science Center's Fisheries Ecology Division and Santa Cruz Laboratory. Dr. Lindley was a member of several biological review teams that synthesized available data to determine the status of salmon and sturgeon populations across the west coast of the United States and led a team of diverse experts in the development of quantitative recovery criteria for Central Valley salmonids. This work resulted in a series of widely cited publications that laid the scientific foundation of salmon conservation under the United States Endangered Species Act in California's Central Valley.

Dr. Jones and Dr. Lindley's terms took effect on September 1, 2025. Dr. Goodwin's term will begin on October 1, 2025. The new members succeed Dr. Virginia Dale and Dr. Bob Naiman, whose terms end on August 31, 2025, and fill one vacancy.

To learn more, visit the Delta ISB's [members web page](https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-isb/members) (deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-isb/members). For more information, contact media@deltacouncil.ca.gov.

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ABOUT THE BOARD

Established in 2010, the Delta Independent Science Board is comprised of 10 prominent scientists with expertise to evaluate the broad range of scientific programs that support adaptive management of the Delta region. The Board advises the Council and provides oversight of the scientific research, monitoring, and assessment programs in the Delta through periodic reviews.

ABOUT THE COUNCIL

The Delta Stewardship Council was created by the California Legislature in 2009 to advance California's water supply reliability and the Delta's ecosystem resiliency in a manner that protects and enhances the region's unique characteristics. It is composed of seven members, advised by an independent 10-member science board, and supported by a dedicated staff. For more information, visit the [Council's website](https://deltacouncil.ca.gov) (deltacouncil.ca.gov).