

DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 2023-06

**CONTRACT WITH THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO,  
CALIFORNIA SEA GRANT FOR THE 2024 CLASS OF DELTA SCIENCE FELLOWS AND  
2024/2025 CLASSES OF STATE POLICY FELLOWS**

WHEREAS, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 (Wat. Code, § 85000 et seq) creates the Delta Stewardship Council (Council) and directs the Council to develop an enforceable, comprehensive, long-term management plan for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the Suisun Marsh, referred to as the Delta Plan; and

WHEREAS, Water Code section 85280 declares 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 ... carried out through funding research, synthesizing and communicating scientific information to policymakers and decisionmakers, promoting independent scientific peer review, and coordinating with Delta agencies to promote science-based adaptive management”; and

WHEREAS, Water Code section 85201 authorizes the Council to appoint an executive officer, and Water Code section 85210 authorizes the Council to enter into contracts and delegate administrative functions to Council staff; and

WHEREAS, the proposed contract would support long-standing programs that provide fellowship opportunities for early career scientists through the Regents of the University of California, San Diego, California Sea Grant by funding (a) Delta Science Fellows’ research in topics that address the actions identified in the 2022-2026 Science Action Agenda for the calendar year 2024 and (b) 10 State Policy Fellows in total over the calendar years 2024 and 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Delta Stewardship Council as follows:

1. The Executive Officer, or their delegee, is authorized to prepare, enter into, and execute Contract No. DSC23011, and any amendments thereto, with the Regents of the University of California, San Diego, California Sea Grant for the class of 2024 Delta Science Fellows Program and the class of 2024/2025 Delta State Policy Fellows Program in an amount not to exceed \$2,303,194 for an initial term of up to three years, with an option to amend to extend the contract term for a period of up to one year with no increase in the amount of the overall contract amount.
2. The Executive Officer, or their delegee, is authorized to take such steps as are necessary to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

3. This resolution takes effect immediately upon approval and remains in effect until superseded.

Attachment A: September 28, 2023, Council meeting notice and staff report.

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 28, 2023.

Burgis \_\_\_\_\_

Damrell \_\_\_\_\_

Hueso \_\_\_\_\_

Lee \_\_\_\_\_

Madueño \_\_\_\_\_

Mehranian \_\_\_\_\_

Zingale \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: September 28, 2023

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Emma Askea

Clerk of the Board of the Delta Stewardship Council