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## **DELTA INDEPENDENT SCIENCE BOARD NAMES DR. INGE WERNER CHAIR-ELECT**

SACRAMENTO – At its March 27, 2023, meeting, the Delta Independent Science Board voted Dr. Inge Werner from its existing membership as chair-elect. Dr. Werner’s chair-elect duties began immediately. She will assume chair duties in September 2024.

Prior to joining the Delta ISB in November 2022, Dr. Werner was director of the Swiss Centre for Applied Ecotoxicology for nine years. In Switzerland, she worked closely with federal and local environmental agencies to improve monitoring programs and cooperated in research projects with academic institutions throughout Europe and the United States. Projects included assessments of advanced wastewater treatment technologies and environmental risks due to pesticides.

“Dr. Werner’s commitment to translating scientific knowledge into real-world application, and her ability to communicate with stakeholders, make her ideal for leading the Delta ISB,” says Board Chair Dr. Lisa Wainger. “With a background in both academic research and supporting the design of regulatory measures, her expertise in bridging the gap between these two worlds will be invaluable to the role of chair.”

Throughout her career, Dr. Werner has served on numerous panels and working groups. Most recently, this has included the Scientific Advisory Council of the German Federal Institute of Hydrology, which is the primary German institution advising the federal ministries in matters of utilization and management of waterways, and the Guidance Committee for the Assessment of Surface Water Resources in Switzerland, which advises decision-makers in all aspects of surface water stewardship.

“It is an honor to serve as chair-elect of the Delta ISB,” says Dr. Werner. “I look forward to working with the Board to oversee the research, monitoring, and

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assessment programs in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to ensure that the best available science is used to guide the management of this special place.”

Dr. Werner holds a Ph.D. in aquatic ecotoxicology from Johannes-Gutenberg University Mainz and a Master of Science in limnology from Albert-Ludwig Freiburg University, both in Germany.

The chair-elect position has been vacant since September 2022.

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](mailto: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).*