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COUNCIL APPOINTS DELTA LEAD SCIENTIST

SACRAMENTO – On April 25, 2024, the Delta Stewardship Council unanimously appointed Dr. Lisamarie Windham-Myers as its new lead scientist for the Delta Science Program. She had been serving in an interim capacity during the lead scientist recruitment process due to the early departure of the prior lead scientist. At the recommendation of the Delta Independent Science Board, the Council extended Dr. Windham-Myers' term to a full three-year term through November 30, 2026.

“Dr. Windham Myers has done an excellent job presenting complex scientific matters before the Council,” said Chair Julie Lee. “Her knowledge of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta system and ability to synthesize science across disciplines will be valuable for advancing the coequal goals.”

Dr. Windham-Myers is a systems ecologist with the U.S. Geological Survey who is known internationally for her work leading teams to advance the understanding of carbon sequestration in aquatic systems.

“It’s a great honor and privilege to step into this position,” said Dr. Windham-Myers. “I look forward to expanding and interweaving opportunities for science growth and community participation – including ideas from the Delta Stewardship Council and Delta Science Program staff, Delta Independent Science Board members, and the greater Delta community – to keep momentum on current science directives and accelerate discovery through dialogue and shared observations.”

Dr. Windham-Myers received her Ph.D. from Rutgers University in Ecology, Evolution, and Natural Resources and was a professor at Lehigh University before joining the USGS. Her research examines processes at the interface of land and aquatic systems, including water flow, storage, and quality at landscape scales. She

has extensively studied the conditions in wetlands and estuaries that sequester and release greenhouse gases and control methylmercury dynamics.

"A strong science program is built on inclusive, integrated, and honest collaboration," added Dr. Windham-Myers. "Following in the footsteps of my predecessors, I will focus on these cornerstones of 'best possible science' to develop consensus and confidence in understanding this changing world as only science can."

The Delta lead scientist is responsible for providing vision, leadership, and unbiased science expertise to the Council, the Delta Science Program, and the science community. More information about this position and Dr. Windham-Myers can be found on the [Delta lead scientist web page](http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-science-program/delta-lead-scientist) (deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-science-program/delta-lead-scientist) or by contacting media@deltacouncil.ca.gov.

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