

DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 2024-02

Amendment to Contract DSC-21055 with the Regents of the University of California San Diego (UCSD), California Sea Grant (Sea Grant) for Delta Independent Science Board Support and Technical Expertise Services

WHEREAS, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 (Wat. Code, § 85000 et seq) created 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 ... 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, the Delta Reform Act authorizes the Council to appoint an executive officer, delegate administrative functions to Council staff, enter into contracts, including contracts for consulting and legal services, fund research, receive funds, and disburse funds through contracts (Wat. Code, §§ 85201, 85210, 85213, and 85280); and

WHEREAS, the Delta Reform Act establishes the Delta Independent Science Board (ISB) and describes its function as providing “...oversight of the scientific research, monitoring, and assessment programs that support adaptive management of the Delta through periodic reviews of each of those programs that shall be scheduled to ensure that all Delta scientific research, monitoring, and assessment programs are reviewed at least once every four years.” (Wat. Code, § 85280 (a)(3)) and requires the Delta ISB to submit to the Council a report on the results of each review, including recommendations for any changes in the programs reviewed (Wat. Code, § 85280 (a)(4)); and

WHEREAS, the salary of the post-doctoral scholars is subject to mandatory University of California salary increases that were not included in the original contract budget; and

WHEREAS, the proposed contract amendment would continue to support the work of the Delta ISB with post-doctoral scholars and provide technical expertise to the

Council's Delta Science Program for synthesis, reviews, and workshops through the University of California, San Diego (USCD), Sea Grant (Sea Grant).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) The Executive Officer, or their delegee, is authorized to:
 - a) prepare, enter into, and execute an amendment to Contract No. DSC21055 with the Regents of the University of California, San Diego, California Sea Grant for services related to the administration, coordination, and support of post-doctoral scholars for the Delta ISB and subject matter expert support for the Delta Science Program and:
 - b) add \$94,380.74 to the contract amount for a total not to exceed contract amount of nine hundred eight thousand nine hundred fifty-one dollars (\$908,951) for services provided; and
 - c) clarify the technical expertise needed for support of the Council's Delta Science Program for synthesis, reviews, and workshops.
- 2) The Executive Officer, or their delegee, is directed and authorized to take such steps as are necessary to effect the intent of this resolution.
- 3) This resolution takes effect immediately upon its approval and remains in effect until repealed.

Attachment A: January 25, 2024, 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 January 25, 2024.

Burgis _____

Damrell _____

Hueso _____

Lee _____

Madueño _____

Mehranian _____

Zingale _____

Dated: January 25, 2024

Emma Askea _____
Clerk of the Board of the Delta Stewardship Council