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## **DELTA ISB VOTES DR. LISA WAINGER AS CHAIR-ELECT**

SACRAMENTO – At its September 16, 2021 meeting, the Delta Independent Science Board voted Dr. Lisa Wainger from its existing membership as chair-elect. This position has been vacant since May 2020. Dr. Wainger’s chair-elect duties begin immediately. She will assume chair duties in September 2022.

In addition to serving on the Delta ISB since September 2020, Dr. Wainger is also a research professor at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science where she focuses on the optimal design of environmental restoration investments using a suite of ecological and economic models to evaluate costs, benefits, and risks and to identify incentive changes that could motivate action.

“Dr. Wainger is an excellent choice to help lead the vital work of the Delta ISB,” says Delta ISB Chair Dr. Stephen Brandt. “We have greatly benefited from her expertise since she joined the Delta ISB to help with the completion of the water supply reliability and monitoring enterprise reviews.”

Throughout her career, she has pioneered techniques to include land spatial configuration into economic valuation and wetland mitigation policy. She is known for developing economically-based non-monetary benefit indicators to improve the representation of tradeoffs in natural resource decision-making; being published widely on the topics of water quality, invasive species management, ecosystem service valuation, aquaculture, and commercial and recreational fishing; and serving on multiple science advisory boards to governmental and non-governmental organizations, including as past chair of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Board to the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership.

“I look forward to working with the Delta ISB, as chair-elect, to ensure that the best science is used to guide decision-making for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta,” says Dr. Wainger. “We have plenty of important topics to address to promote diverse social and environmental goals under rapidly changing conditions.”

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Dr. Wainger holds a Ph.D. in environmental and ecological economics from the University of Maryland, College Park and a B.S. in earth science from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

To learn more, visit the [Delta ISB's members web page](http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-isb/members) (deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-isb/members).

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*The Delta ISB is a standing board of nationally or internationally prominent scientists with appropriate expertise to evaluate the broad range of scientific programs that support adaptive management of the Delta. The Delta ISB will provide oversight of the scientific research, monitoring, and assessment programs that support adaptive management of the Delta through periodic reviews of each of those programs. The comments, findings, and recommendations from the Delta ISB are expected to increase scientific credibility, improve research clarity, advance the debate about Delta issues, and seek better connectivity between science, management, and policy. For more information visit the [Council's website](http://deltacouncil.ca.gov) (deltacouncil.ca.gov).*