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GOVERNOR NEWSOM APPOINTS JULIE LEE AND REAPPOINTS JUDGE FRANK DAMRELL JR. TO THE COUNCIL

SACRAMENTO – Governor Gavin Newsom has appointed Julie Lee and reappointed Frank Damrell Jr. to the Delta Stewardship Council. Council Chair Susan Tatayon, whose membership term ended in February 2022, has announced her retirement from the State of California after more than 35 years in water resources management.

Lee comes to the Council after serving as undersecretary of the California Government Operations Agency since 2018. She held several positions in the Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. from 2011 to 2018, including director of operations from 2013 to 2018, reorganizational specialist from 2012 to 2013, and project manager of the Governor’s reorganization plan at the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency from 2011 to 2012. Her position on the Council requires Senate confirmation.

Damrell has been reappointed to the Council, where he has served since 2014. He served as counsel at Cotchett Pitre and McCarthy LLP from 2012 to 2018, a judge at the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California from 1997 to 2011, and an attorney in private practice from 1968 to 1997. His position on the Council requires Senate confirmation.

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Tatayon was appointed to the Council by Governor Jerry Brown in 2014 and reappointed in 2018. She was elected by the Council to serve as vice-chair in 2016 and as chair in 2019. Career highlights include serving The Nature Conservancy as water project director and associate director of its California water program, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation as special assistant to the regional director of the Mid-Pacific Region, the California Department of Water Resources as special assistant to the chief deputy director, and more. She looks forward to spending more time with her family, including her growing number of grandkids.

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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](http://deltacouncil.ca.gov) (deltacouncil.ca.gov).