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## **NEWLY APPOINTED CHIEF COUNSEL AND LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY ADVISOR**

SACRAMENTO – On July 1, 2022, Governor Newsom appointed Jorge Aguilar II as chief counsel and Brandon Chapin as legislative and policy advisor to the Delta Stewardship Council.

Aguilar previously served as a deputy attorney general for the California Attorney General's Office. He was a senior associate at The Saqui Law Group from 2013 to 2015, general counsel at Powerlane Corporation in 2013, and an associate at Sundeen Salinas & Pyle from 2008 to 2013. Before that, he was a staff attorney at the Eviction Defense Center from 2004 to 2007. Aguilar earned a Juris Doctor degree from Washington and Lee University.

"I am honored to serve as chief counsel and will work hard to support and advance the Council's critical mission of ensuring a reliable California water supply and resilient Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta ecosystem in a manner that protects and enhances the region as a place where people live, work, and recreate," says Aguilar.

Chapin has been the public participation manager at the Council since 2018. He was an associate governmental program analyst at the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy from 2016 to 2018, a legislative analyst at the California Department of Toxic Substances Control from 2012 to 2016, and a graduate assistant at the California Energy Commission from 2010 to 2012. Chapin earned a Master of Public Policy and Administration degree from California State University, Sacramento.

"I look forward to the opportunity to continue the work of advancing the coequal goals for the Delta by advocating their importance to the State legislature," says Chapin.

“These particular roles are critical to our agency and executive team,” says Executive Officer Jessica R. Pearson. “Jorge’s and Brandon’s expertise strengthens our ability to look toward the future of adaptively managing the Delta – a critical resource, ecosystem, resource, and National Heritage Area – in the face of rapidly changing climate conditions.”

For more information, visit the Council’s [executive team web page](http://deltacouncil.ca.gov/executive-team) (deltacouncil.ca.gov/executive-team).

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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).*