

Agenda Item: 8, Attachment 1
Meeting Date: April 25, 2024



**Delta
Independent
Science Board**

DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

April 2, 2024

Delta Stewardship Council
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**RE: Recommendation for Delta Lead Scientist
Appointment**

Dear Members of the Delta Stewardship Council,

On behalf of the Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB), I am writing to inform you of the outcome from the closed session portion of the Delta ISB's public meeting on March 22, 2024, where we discussed the appointment of the next Lead Scientist for the Delta Science Program (Delta Lead Scientist).

At the meeting, we identified **Dr. Lisamarie Windham-Myers** as the top candidate for the Delta Lead Scientist position by **unanimous** vote of the ten members of the Delta ISB. Dr. Windham-Myers meets the qualifications specified in the Delta Reform Act:

- a) Hold an advanced degree in a field related to water or ecosystem management.
- b) Have a strong record of scientific research and publication in peer-reviewed scientific journals in a field related to water or ecosystem management.
- c) Have experience advising high-level managers in science-based decision making in the areas of water management and ecosystem restoration.
- d) Have the capability to guide the application of an adaptive management process to resource management policy decisions in the Delta.

Dr. Windham-Myers has many attributes that contributed to our selection. In particular, her strong knowledge of the Delta system and her ability to synthesize science across scales and disciplines will be extremely valuable for advancing the Delta Science Program's goals. The panel further noted her strong skills in conducting team-based science, which is an asset for synthesizing current knowledge and filling data gaps to support management decisions.

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We plan to present the Delta ISB's recommendation to the Delta Stewardship Council at your next meeting on April 25, 2024. I also want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the engagement of the representatives of the Delta Stewardship Council who served on the Interview Panel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Wainger", enclosed in a thin black rectangular box.

Lisa Wainger, Ph.D.
Chair, Delta Independent Science Board