

DELTASTEWARDSHIP COUNCIL RESOLUTION
2026-06

Contract No. DSC261188 with the Regents of the University of California San Diego, California Sea Grant, for the 2028 Class of Delta Science Fellows and the 2027/2028/2029 Classes of State Policy Fellows

WHEREAS, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 (Delta Reform Act), Water Code section 85000 *et seq.*, authorizes the Delta Stewardship Council (Council) to enter into contracts, including contracts for consulting and legal services, and to fund research, receive funds, and to disburse funds through contracts (WC §§ 85210 and 85280); and

WHEREAS, the Delta Reform Act directs that the Delta Plan must further the “coequal goals” (Water Code § 85300) and defines the coequal goals to mean the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem to be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place (Water Code § 85054); and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Council’s Delta Science Program is “to provide the best possible unbiased scientific information to inform water and environmental decisionmaking in the Delta carried out 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” (Water Code § 85280(b)(4)); and

WHEREAS, the Council has considered the contracting request set forth in agenda item 4b (Consent Calendar) of the August 27, 2026, Council meeting notice and has reviewed the staff report for the contracting request; and

WHEREAS, the contracting request supports the furtherance of the coequal goals and is within the Council’s authority.

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

1. The Council hereby finds the foregoing recitals to be true and correct and

incorporates them herein.

2. The contracting request set forth in agenda item 4b (Consent Calendar) of the Council's August 27, 2026, meeting notice and the staff report for the contracting request are Attachment A to this resolution and incorporated herein and made part of this resolution as if fully set forth.
3. The Council approves the contracting request set forth in agenda item 4b (Consent Calendar) of the Council's August 27, 2026, meeting notice for the following contract:
 - a. Contract DSC261188 with the Regents of the University of California San Diego, California Sea Grant Program for the 2028 Class of Delta Science Fellows and the 2027/2028/2029 Classes of State Policy Fellows
4. The Council authorizes and directs the Executive Officer, or their delegee, to process the contract in accordance with the applicable laws, processes, and policies.
5. The Council authorizes and directs the Executive Officer, or their delegee, to execute any subsequent amendments to the agreement authorized herein, provided that the amendments do not increase the total not to exceed amount of the agreement above the original amount .
6. The Council authorizes and directs the Executive Officer, or their delegee, to take such steps as are necessary to effect the intent of this resolution, including submittal of the contract for approval by the Department of General Services, if applicable.

Attachment A: August 27, 2026, Council meeting notice and staff report for contracting request in Item 4b (Consent Calendar) (Consideration and Possible Approval of Contract No. DSC261188 with the Regents of the University of California San Diego, California Sea Grant for the 2028 Class of Delta Science Fellows and 2027/2028/2029 Classes of State Policy Fellows)

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 August 27, 2026.

Burgis _____

Eggman _____

Lee _____

Mehranian _____

Miller _____

Patterson _____

Zingale _____

Dated: August 27, 2026

Emma Askea _____

Clerk of the Board of the Delta Stewardship Council