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FORMER CALIFORNIA STATE SENATOR BEN HUESO APPOINTED TO THE COUNCIL

SACRAMENTO – The Senate Rules Committee appointed former California State Senator Ben Hueso to the Delta Stewardship Council, effective April 12, 2023. His first Council meeting was today, April 27.

“The amount of leadership experience that Mr. Hueso brings to the Council from his time in the California State Senate and Assembly is impressive,” says Chair Virginia Madueño. “Throughout his career, he has championed environmental stewardship for statewide water supply; restoring contaminated rivers, lakes, and watersheds; protecting threatened wildlife species; and increasing access to drinkable water for the State’s most disadvantaged communities.”

Hueso, of San Diego, has served in several public official roles. He was elected to the California State Senate in 2013 to represent the 40th District, which includes the cities of Chula Vista, Imperial Beach, National City, portions of the City of San Diego, and all of Imperial County. Prior to that, he was elected to the California State Assembly in 2010. During his three-year tenure, he served as chairman of the Assembly Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife; chairman of the Senate Energy, Utilities, and Communications Committee; and a member of the Natural Resources Committee.

“California balances the world’s fifth largest economy on the fringes of one of its most sensitive and precious environments,” says Hueso. “Finding the right balance to continue to fuel this economy and still preserve, protect, and restore ecosystems that are essential to the future of all living things will be an enormous challenge. That challenge increases every day as climate change continues to alter the status

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quo so unpredictably. I am eager to join the Council's dedicated efforts to achieve these goals."

Hueso holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Los Angeles. He also studied abroad at the University of Odessa in Ukraine and completed post-graduate degree work in community and economic development at San Diego State University.

His seat on the Council was last occupied by Maria Mehranian from 2018-2022.

To learn more, visit the Council's [members web page](https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/council-members) (deltacouncil.ca.gov/council-members). Please contact media@deltacouncil.ca.gov with any questions.

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