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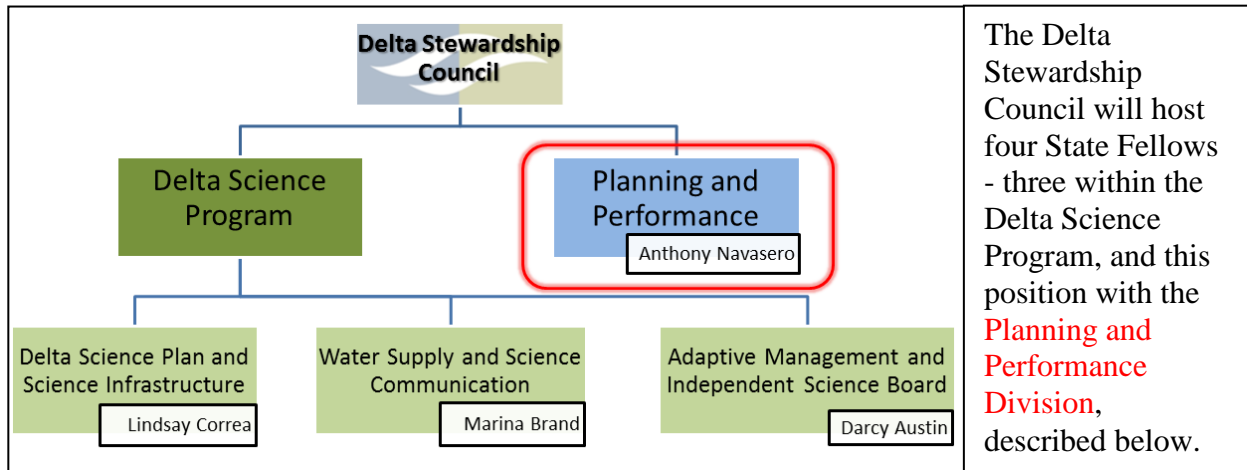
**2018 California Sea Grant State Fellowship Opportunity**  
**Planning and Performance Division**

**Introduction**

California’s Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is the largest estuary on the West Coast and is the hub of the state’s major water supply systems. It is inextricably linked to statewide water supply issues that affect its ability to support more natural ecosystem functions.

In November 2009, the California Legislature enacted the Delta Reform Act, and created the [Delta Stewardship Council](#) to achieve the coequal goals (see footnote). The Council’s Planning Division provides integration of environmental, engineering, and land use planning expertise to support and coordinate implementation of the [Delta Plan](#), a comprehensive, long-term management plan for the Delta based on the best available science. The implementation of the Delta Plan is through cooperation among affected agencies and is enforceable through the Council’s regulatory authority, which requires State and local actions that significantly affect the coequal goals to be consistent with the Delta Plan.

**Position Description**



A Sea Grant fellow with the Council’s Planning Division will have the unique opportunity to work at the interface of policy, planning and science on some of California’s most challenging and important natural resource management issues. The Sea Grant fellow would be working and interacting with staff in Planning Division’s units

- Integrated Regional Water Management
- Ecosystem Restoration, Land Use and Scientific Integration
- Performance Management
- Federal Coordination and Consistency

*"Coequal goals" means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall 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."*

Initially, the Sea Grant fellow will meet with the Supervisor/Mentor and other Planning Division staff as appropriate to develop a mentoring plan for the year. This plan will be based on the interests and background of the Sea Grant fellow and is intended to maximize the Sea Grant fellow's experience, knowledge, and networking opportunities. Working closely with Planning Division staff, the Sea Grant fellow will have the opportunity to interact with California policy makers, national and international scientific experts, and gain exposure to how policies and plans are developed and implemented in the Bay-Delta and Suisun Marsh as well as, at times, statewide.

### **Planning and Performance Division**

Currently the Planning Division is working on several efforts focused on:

- [Environmental review](#) of a Delta Plan amendments regarding:
  - [Conveyance, Storage Systems, and the Operations of Both](#);
  - [Delta Levee Investment Strategy](#); and
  - Refined Delta Plan [Performance Measures](#);
- Supporting efforts to integrate flood management and habitat restoration into multi-benefit projects;
- Developing a Delta Plan amendment regarding ecosystem restoration;
- Evaluating efforts to enhance recreation and tourism that are compatible with the cultural heritage of the Delta;
- Promoting land use decisions that enhance economic vitality while reducing flood risk and preserving agriculture and open space; and
- [Monitoring status and collecting data](#) on State programs and projects to measure the State's progress towards achieving the coequal goals and the success of the Delta Plan.

### Potential Assignments

Specific projects will be identified and assigned for the Planning Division's Sea Grant fellow based on their expertise and interests. The fellow's work will support functions of the Planning Division. Potential projects include:

- Evaluating major water supply, water storage, ecosystem restoration, and flood protection projects and programs.
- Researching statewide water conservation and groundwater management efforts.
- Reviewing and reporting studies, reports, and documents of interest to the Delta Plan's policies and recommendations.
- Tracking progress towards achievement of performance measures of the Delta Plan.
- Gathering and developing GIS data for visualization tools to facilitate stakeholder participation in habitat restoration and flood management planning.
- Supporting Planning Division staff in their daily tasks in implementing the Delta Plan.

**Host Location:** 980 Ninth Street, Suite 1500, Sacramento, California

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