

I am pleased to announce the selection of Rebecca J. Fris as the Science Coordinator of the California Landscape Conservation Cooperative (LCC), effective June 21. In her new position, Rebecca will be responsible for coordinating science support for the California LCC, an applied conservation science partnership of federal, state, and regional agencies, tribes, nongovernmental organizations, academic institutions, and others. The California LCC is one of eight LCCs being established across the country this year to address landscape-scale stressors such as habitat fragmentation, genetic isolation, spread of invasive species, and water scarcity — all of which are magnified by accelerating climate change.

Rebecca joins the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service after working 15 years with the California Resources Agency. She currently serves as Program Manager for the Delta Science Program (formerly called the CALFED Science Program) where she supervises technical staff and collaborates with the U.S. Geological Survey, Bureau of Reclamation, Environmental Protection Agency, National Marine Fisheries Service, California Department of Water Resources, Department of Fish and Game, and others to provide scientific information for conservation activities in the Bay-Delta system. She previously served as the Sacramento Valley coordinator for CALFED's Ecosystem Restoration Program (ERP) and managed a multi-agency team to develop the ERP Implementation Plan that identified research and restoration priorities in support of at-risk species.

Rebecca holds a bachelor's degree in environmental studies from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and a master's degree in environmental management from Duke University. Please join me in welcoming Rebecca upon her arrival and wishing her well in her new position.

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