



Delta Leadership Program 2023

The Delta Protection Commission, in partnership with the Delta Regional Foundation, has created the Delta Leadership Program to build and support sustained leadership development within the Delta community. With the challenges facing the Delta today, it is clearly in the Delta's interest to cultivate the best in our existing leadership and to assist in creating a pipeline of informed and energetic leaders for the Delta's future.

The goals of the Delta Leadership Program are as follows:

- Identify and promote regional leaders in the Delta community.
- Develop skills and awareness to increase the pool of effective Delta leaders.
- Expand leaders' knowledge regarding the key issues, opportunities and challenges that face the Delta region.
- Identify emerging leaders and deliver skills and tools to enhance their contributions to the Delta community.
- Build relationships of trust and cooperation between businesses, government, non-profit, civic, religious and cultural groups.
- Foster a shared sense of community throughout the Delta region.

The Delta Leadership Program consists of a five-day intensive curriculum completed over the course of four months (one business day every three to four weeks), with an additional day-long Delta water tour. Each workshop is integrated with half of the day spent on regional issues such as water and agriculture, public safety and economic development; and the other half spent on skill development such as negotiation, team building, innovation, values and organizational momentum. In addition, class members work as teams on selected class projects benefiting the Delta. ***The seminar dates for the 2023 program (all on Friday) are: January 13, February 3, February 24, March 17, and April 14.***

The program will culminate with a graduation presentation at the May 18, 2023 Delta Protection Commission public meeting. Nominees must commit to 100% attendance on these dates to be considered for participation in the program. ***Participants must also have Covid-19 vaccinations and the seminars will be conducted in accord with local public health guidance.***

Participation in the Delta Leadership Program is by nomination and selection; please see enclosed nomination form. Please nominate (self-nominations are accepted) individuals whom you consider potential or emerging leaders in the Delta community, and who would find this kind of top-level development and networking opportunity to be valuable. We encourage nominations from all walks of Delta life – agriculture, law enforcement, local government, non-profit organizations, local business, tourism and hospitality sectors, among others.

For more information on the nomination process or the Delta Leadership Program, please contact Erik Vink at erik.vink@delta.ca.gov or by calling 530-304-5499.

Nomination Deadline

Friday, December 2, 2022

Nomination Instructions

Please email or mail the completed nomination packet to:

Email Address: dpc@delta.ca.gov

Mailing Address: Delta Protection Commission, 2101 Stone Blvd, Suite 200, West Sacramento, CA 95691

Photocopies are accepted.

The quality and content of the nomination is critical to the candidate's success. Try to include specific examples and make sure you have included all of your nominee's civic and leadership experience and service. As class size is limited, not all nominees will be accepted, so as a courtesy to all applicants please refrain from announcing nomination submissions. 2022 Program participants will be notified by the week of December 12, 2022.

Submission Checklist

- Complete the form. Please use as much space as you need, there is no page limit on nominations.
- Attach the nominee's resume if available.
- Obtain at least ONE but no more than THREE letters of recommendation to second your nomination. Each nomination must have at least one substantial letter of support in addition to the nominator to be considered.
- Please have your nominee review and sign the Acknowledgment and Commitment Acceptance form. Nominations without a signed Acknowledgment will not be reviewed.

Official Nomination Form

Nominee:

Mailing Address:

Daytime Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email:

Nominator:

Mailing Address:

Daytime Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email:

1. Please describe your nominee's connection to the Delta. Use as much space as you need.
2. Please detail the nominee's community involvement. Please include the names of any organizations served, any positions held and years of service. Use as much space as you need.
3. Describe how the nominee's community service or leadership ability has already made an impact, or how their current activities are on track to create positive change. Include as many examples as you feel are relevant. Use as much space as you need.
4. Describe: a) why YOU believe the nominee is a Delta leader, b) how you think the nominee would benefit from this opportunity and c) why you believe this nominee will remain active in the Delta community. Your personal thoughts about and connections to the nominee are important to the selection process, so please share freely. Use as much space as you need.

Return this form, with the nominee's resume, letter of commitment and at least one letter of recommendation, by email or mail to:

Delta Protection Commission
2101 Stone Blvd., Suite 200
West Sacramento, CA 95691
Email: dpc@delta.ca.gov

Nominee's Letter of Commitment

Please submit this form with the nomination packet. Nominations without this letter of commitment will not be considered.

Program Dates

The Delta Leadership Program features a five-day intensive curriculum completed over the course of five months as follows:

Seminar 1: January 14, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (reception following) in SACRAMENTO

Seminar 2: February 3, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in STOCKTON

Seminar 3: February 24, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in RIO VISTA

Seminar 4: March 17, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in OAKLEY

Seminar 5: April 14, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (reception following) in CLARKSBURG

Program Graduation: May 18, 2023 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Delta Protection Commission meeting)

Program participants will also be assigned a small amount of background reading and asked to complete a class project, which is estimated to require an additional 2 hours a month outside of class time. It is essential that nominees understand and accept these requirements BEFORE becoming a member of a Delta Leadership Program class. Please have the nominee read this sheet and sign the acknowledgment and acceptance of commitment below and include with the nomination packet.

Acknowledgment and Acceptance of Commitment

I, _____ (print name), understand that full attendance of all participants is crucial to the success of the Delta Leadership Program.

_____ (initial)

I understand that each session is nine hours long (one business day every 3-4 weeks, with lunch) and that drive times for some sessions may be up to an hour each way from my home. In addition, I understand that some time outside of class is required, estimated to be approximately 2 hours per month, in order to complete assigned reading and class projects.

_____ (initial)

I verify that I have no known conflicts on these dates and agree that I will be present for the full day at each of the scheduled sessions and at the Program Graduation.

_____ (initial)

I verify that I have been vaccinated for Covid-19 and agree to abide by local public health requirements for Program seminars.

_____ (initial)

Signed: _____

Date: _____