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## **Meeting Notice of the Delta Independent Science Board**

Friday, October 16, 2020  
11:30 AM to 1:30 PM PDT

### **Meeting Location**

Remote access only; No public location

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order N-25-20 issued on March 12, 2020, and the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020, the Delta Stewardship Council will continue to provide opportunities for remote participation by Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB) members, staff, and the public with prudent measures to reduce community transmission of COVID-19.

Members of the public may observe the meeting via the webcast outlined below. If you have an oral public comment during the meeting, please email the meeting clerk at [disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov](mailto:disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov) and provide your name, organization (if applicable), and the agenda item you wish to comment on. Please be on mute until prompted by the Chair to provide your comment. If you prefer to provide written comments, please email the meeting clerk the message that should be read to the Delta ISB during the agenda item.

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### **Webcast**

The meeting will be webcast and will be recorded. To join the webcast, please register before the meeting via [Zoom](#):

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_q3ROt8AmTs6wRjlf7TIL5Q](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_q3ROt8AmTs6wRjlf7TIL5Q)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to join the webcast. If you have a computer microphone, you will have the option to receive audio and provide oral comments through your computer. If not, please dial the phone number listed in your confirmation email.

Note: Accessing the Zoom webcast requires you to enter your name and email, which may be disclosed as public information. The signal for the live feed may be intermittent due to the internet infrastructure at your location.

## **Other Remote Options**

If you need a phone only option, please call the meeting clerk at 916-445-0637 by 8:00 AM on Friday, October 16.

If you prefer a view-only option that does not require registration, the meeting will also be webcast on [CAL-SPAN](https://cal-span.org/static/index.php): <https://cal-span.org/static/index.php>. With this option, you will not be able to provide oral comments.

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## **Meeting Materials**

Materials referenced in this notice are available on the [events web page](https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/events.html) at <https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/events.html>. Members of the public are encouraged to visit the events web page to view the meeting materials.

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## **Curtailement of Delta ISB Activities**

As discussed at the Delta ISB's September 17, 2020, meeting, members of the Delta ISB are now acting as unpaid volunteers. The State of California has not yet secured a way to financially compensate Delta ISB members for its activities, as they have done in the past. The timetable to resolve this issue is unknown. This status necessitates curtailing the agenda and activities of the Delta ISB to a much lower volunteer level. Consequently, substantial delays in many of the Delta ISB's anticipated and legislative mandated reviews, products, and activities are expected. The Delta ISB looks forward to returning to its high level of productivity as soon as the State resolves this issue.

## **Purpose**

The Delta ISB will meet to discuss the Science Needs Assessment Workshop, which occurred from October 5 to 6, 2020, and will discuss next steps, including the outline of the report. In addition, Dr. Jay Lund of the Delta ISB will present an overview of water supply reliability and Delta conveyance to help get new Delta ISB members acquainted with the topic.

This section describes the highlights. For more information about the meeting, refer to the agenda below.

## **Agenda**

The agenda items listed below may be considered in a different order pursuant to the determination of the Delta ISB chair. Times listed on the agenda are approximate only. At the discretion of the Delta ISB, all items appearing on this agenda, whether or not expressly listed for action, may be deliberated upon and may be subject to action.

~ 11:30 AM: Meeting Starts

1. Welcome and Declarations
2. Delta ISB Chair Report and Business Matters
3. Informational Item and Discussion on Science: Water Supply Reliability and Delta Conveyance

The Delta ISB is undertaking a review of the scientific efforts and methods by various programs to estimate and evaluate water supply reliability (see [prospectus](#)). At the meeting, Dr. Jay Lund of the Delta ISB will present an overview of water supply reliability and Delta conveyance to help acquaint new members on the topic.

4. Science Needs Assessment: Orientation, Discussion, and Outline of Report

Based on the [recommendations from the Delta ISB](#) and the endorsement of the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee (DPIIC), a long-term Science Needs Assessment is being developed, as part of the [Delta Science Funding and Governance Initiative](#). The Science Needs Assessment will identify key science efforts to provide long-term management insights in the context of rapid environmental change and recommendations for organizing the science enterprise to better address complex and changing problems. At the meeting, Dr. Steve Brandt and Dr. Jay Lund of the Delta ISB will provide an orientation of the project to new Delta ISB members, discuss the Science Needs Assessment Workshop, including next steps, and provide an overview of the report outline.

5. Preparation for Upcoming Delta ISB Meetings

6. Review of Items for Follow-up

Staff will provide a summary of any follow-up items for individual members to address after the meeting.

7. Public Comments

The Delta ISB will take public comments on topics within its jurisdiction that are not on the agenda.

~ 1:30 PM: Meeting Adjourned

### **Additional Information**

- If you have any questions, please contact Edmund Yu at 916-445-0637 or [Edmund.Yu@deltacouncil.ca.gov](mailto:Edmund.Yu@deltacouncil.ca.gov).

- If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact the Delta Stewardship Council's Human Resources Office at (916) 445-5511, TDD (800) 735-2929.
- Members of the public shall be provided an opportunity to address the Delta ISB on any agenda items except closed session items and those items for which the public has already been afforded such opportunity at an earlier meeting. In addition, comments during the Public Comment period shall be limited to matters within the Delta ISB's jurisdiction and not on the agenda. Reasonable time limits may be established for public comments (Government Code Sections 11125.7).