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Meeting Notice of the Delta Independent Science Board Teleconference Meeting

Wednesday, April 26, 2023
12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Meeting Location

Remote access only; No in-person location (Senate Bill 189).

Public Comments

Information for providing public comments is at the end of this notice. Public comment may be limited to three minutes per person.

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_q9jeRn5ZQayGkJz-t9DHWg

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.

Other Remote Options

If you need a phone-only option, please call the meeting clerk at 916-902-6571 by 8:00 AM on Wednesday, April 26.

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>. With this option, you will not be able to provide oral comments.

Meeting Materials

Materials referenced in this notice are available on the Delta Independent Science Board's (Delta ISB's) [meetings webpage](https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-isb/meetings) at <https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-isb/meetings>. Members of the public are encouraged to visit the events web page to view the meeting materials.

Purpose

The Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB) will meet to discuss its reviews and activities. The meeting will kick off with the Delta ISB's seminar series on decision-making under deep uncertainty. Alice Hill, the David M. Rubenstein senior fellow for energy and the environment at the Council on Foreign Relations and former special assistant to President Barack Obama, will provide an overview of the challenges and benefits of planning for extreme events, as well as effective ways to organize government entities around these issues.

After the seminar, the Delta ISB will discuss its business matters, including the draft prospectus of its review on decision-making under deep uncertainty and the potential reappointment of the Delta lead scientist.

This Purpose 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. The times listed on the agenda are approximate only. At the discretion of the Delta ISB, all items appearing on this agenda, whether expressly listed for action, may be deliberated upon and may be subject to action.

~ 12:00 PM: Meeting Starts

1. Welcome and Declarations
2. Seminar Presentation: Navigating Deep Uncertainty: Insights on Climate Resilience Planning with Alice Hill

The Delta ISB, with support from the Delta Science Program, is hosting a seminar series to explore concepts from decision-making under deep uncertainty and present tools that can help managers and stakeholders evaluate and plan for a wide range of plausible futures in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The seminar series will help inform the Delta ISB's review of decision-making under deep uncertainty.

Alice Hill, the David M. Rubenstein senior fellow for energy and the environment at the Council on Foreign Relations and former special assistant to President Barack Obama, will kick off the seminar series at this meeting. She will provide an overview of the challenges and benefits of planning for extreme events, as well as effective ways to organize government entities around these issues. The seminar series will continue at future Delta ISB meetings and will be noticed as part of the Delta ISB meeting agendas. [See flyer for more information.](#)

~ 1:00 PM: 15 Minute Break. Reconvene at 1:15 PM.

3. Delta ISB Chair Report and Business Matters
4. Discussion: Decision-making Under Deep Uncertainty Review (**Action Item**)

The Delta ISB will discuss its draft prospectus for its review of decision-making under deep uncertainty. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on next steps for finalizing the prospectus, which may include circulating the prospectus for public comments.

~ 2:00 PM: Closed Session Begins

5. Closed Session (Personnel Matters): Delta Lead Scientist Reappointment (Not Open to the Public) (**Action Item**)

The United States Geological Survey and the Delta Stewardship Council are in the process of recruiting the next lead scientist for the Delta Science Program, as Dr. Laurel Larsen, the current lead scientist, is about to complete her three-year term in August 2023. The Delta Stewardship Council appoints the Delta lead scientist after consultation with the Delta ISB, pursuant to California Water Code section 85280(b).

Pursuant to California Water Code section 85280(b)(2), the Delta lead scientist can serve up to two terms. The Delta ISB will discuss in closed session whether to recommend to the Delta Stewardship Council to reappoint Dr. Larsen to a second term. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on the recommendation of reappointment of the Delta lead scientist.

This closed session is authorized under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (a).

~ 2:20 PM: Closed Session Ends

6. Reconvene Open Session and Report out on Closed Session

The Delta ISB will report out if it takes action concerning the recommendation of reappointment of the Delta lead scientist.

7. Preparation for Upcoming Delta ISB Meetings

8. Review of Items for follow-up

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

9. Public Comments

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

~ 3:00 PM: Meeting adjourned

Contact

- If you have any questions, please contact Edmund Yu at 916-902-6571 or 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.

Public Comments

- 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 (Agenda Item 9) 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).
- If you are on the Zoom webcast and would like to provide oral public comments, please email the meeting clerk at 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 Delta ISB 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.
 - The Delta ISB is not responsible for unforeseen technical difficulties that may occur. The Delta ISB is under no obligation to postpone or

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