



Delta Independent Science Board

DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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Meeting Notice of the Delta Independent Science Board

Wednesday, February 21, 2024
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM PST

Location

California Natural Resources Agency
715 P Street, Room 221
Sacramento, CA 95814

Some members will attend remotely by Zoom. A quorum will be present at the location listed. (Gov. Code § 11123.2)

Public Comments

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Public comment may be limited to three minutes per person.

Webcast

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Remote Participation Option

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Note: Accessing the Zoom webcast requires you to enter a name and email, which may be disclosed as public information.

Additional Phone Only Option

If you need a phone-only option, please call the Clerk of the Board at 916-902-6571 by 8:00 AM on Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

Meeting Materials

Materials referenced in this notice are available on the Delta ISB's [meetings web page](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 ISB will meet to discuss its reviews on subsidence, food-webs, and decision-making under deep uncertainty. In addition, the Delta ISB will discuss drafting a memo on how well Delta ISB comments on the draft Environmental Impact Report released by the California Department of Water Resources for the Delta Conveyance Project were addressed.

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.

~ 9:00 AM: Meeting Starts

1. Welcome and Declarations
2. Delta ISB Chair Report and Business Matters
3. Delta Stewardship Council and Executive Officer Report
4. Update on the Delta Levees Investment Strategy (DLIS)

Erin Mullin, Supervising Engineer at the Delta Stewardship Council, will provide an overview of the [Delta Levees Investment Strategy \(DLIS\)](#), the Council's risk-based prioritization for levee investments in the Delta that became effective on January 1, 2024.

5. Delta Lead Scientist Report
6. Discussion: Delta Conveyance Project Final Environmental Impact Report Review (**Action Item**)

The California Department of Water Resources released the [Final Environmental Impact Report](#) for the Delta Conveyance Project on December 8, 2023, and [certified the report](#) on December 21, 2023. The Delta ISB will discuss the final Environmental Impact Report, and drafting a memorandum to the California Department of Water Resources on how well [its comments on the draft Environmental Impact Report](#) were addressed. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on next steps for reviewing the Final Environmental Impact Report.

~12:30 PM ~ 1 Hour Lunch. Reconvene at 1:30 PM

7. Discussion: Decision-making Under Deep Uncertainty Review

The Delta ISB will discuss progress made on its decision-making under deep uncertainty review ([see prospectus](#)). The review will build an understanding of the scientific tools and concepts that can increase the capacity to anticipate and adapt to growing uncertainty of future conditions in the Bay-Delta system.

8. Discussion: Subsidence Review

The Delta ISB will discuss progress made on its subsidence review ([see prospectus](#)). This review will synthesize and evaluate the state of science related to subsidence management in order to provide recommendations to inform and guide ongoing and future subsidence management.

9. Discussion: Food-webs Review (**Action Item**)

The Delta ISB will discuss progress made on its food-webs review ([see prospectus](#)). The review will assess the importance of food-web interactions in the Delta, and identify where improved understanding and tools (e.g., food-web models) might substantially improve predictions of an individual species' response to environmental drivers and management actions. The Delta ISB will discuss a draft report and may take action on next steps for the review.

10. Preparation for Upcoming Meetings

11. Review of Items for Follow-up

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

12. Public Comments

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

~ 5:00 PM: Meeting adjourned

Contact

- If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk of the Board at 916-902-6571 or disb@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 12) 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).
- To make an oral public comment, please complete a blue card that is available near the entrance of the meeting location and provide it to the meeting clerk or Delta ISB member at that meeting location.
- If you are participating via the Zoom webcast or on the phone and would like to provide oral public comments, please email the meeting clerk at disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov and provide a name, organization (if applicable – not required), 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.
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