



# Delta Independent Science Board

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## Meeting Notice of the Delta Independent Science Board

Wednesday, December 6, 2023  
9:00 AM to 12:30 PM PT

This is a teleconference meeting of the Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB). Information for a remote public participation option is found below.

**A public access location with Delta ISB staff present will be available at:**

California Natural Resources Agency  
715 P Street, Room 15-204  
Sacramento, CA 95814

(Delta ISB members will not be present at this location.)

### Public Comments

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

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### Webcast

The meeting will be webcast and recorded. The webcast may be accessed at [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.

### Remote Participation Option

To participate remotely via [Zoom](https://zoom.us), please provide a Zoom name and email address at

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_66efCqQ8SVihTrRWhTWCyA#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_66efCqQ8SVihTrRWhTWCyA#/registration). After registering, you will receive an email to the email address provided 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 a name and email, which may be disclosed as public information.

### **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, December 6, 2023.

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### **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.

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### **Purpose**

The Delta ISB will meet to discuss its reviews and activities, including its review on subsidence, food-webs, and decision-making under deep uncertainty. In addition, Sam Pyros, California Sea Grant Fellow, and Dr. Steve Culberson, Interagency Ecological Program Lead Scientist, will present a comprehensive review of California Sacramento-San Joaquin green and white sturgeon population characteristics.

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. Discussion: Delta Conveyance Project Final Environmental Impact Report Review

The California Department of Water Resources is currently on track to issue a Final Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Delta Conveyance Project in late 2023. The Delta ISB will prepare for its upcoming review of the final Environmental Impact Report.

4. Discussion: Sacramento/Delta Update to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan

The State Water Resources Control Board is currently considering updates to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan focused on the Sacramento River and its tributaries, Delta eastside tributaries (including the Calaveras, Cosumnes, and Mokelumne Rivers), interior Delta flows, and Delta outflows, including consideration of proposed voluntary agreements. On September 28, 2023, the State Water Resources Control Board released a [draft Staff Report](#) in support of Sacramento/Delta updates to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan for public review and comment. The Delta ISB will discuss the draft Staff Report and any next steps.

5. Delta Stewardship Council Chair and Executive Officer Report

6. Presentation: A Collaboratory to Support Decision-Making for Adaptive Stewardship of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River System by Dr. Laurel Larsen

"A Collaboratory to Support Decision-Making for Adaptive Stewardship of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River System" is a strategy document to advance an integrated modeling framework for the Delta. It compiles findings from the Integrated Modeling Workshop held in 2023 and a set of four memos previously issued by the Delta Science Program that describe the technical components of a modeling collaboratory. The strategy emphasizes the importance of research-agency-community partnerships and suggests next steps to cultivate leadership and develop a funding and governance structure. Feedback on elements of the strategy will be sought from ISB members.

**~ 10:30 AM: 20 Minute Break**

**~ 10:50 AM: Reconvene**

7. Presentation: California Sacramento-San Joaquin Green and White Sturgeon: A Comprehensive Review

Sam Pyros, California Sea Grant Fellow, and Dr. Steve Culberson, Interagency Ecological Program Lead Scientist, will present a comprehensive review of California Sacramento-San Joaquin green and white sturgeon. This review addresses sturgeon population characteristics specifically, and more generally outlines continuing data needs to improve management efforts and outcomes. It is a deliverable from a 2023 Sea Grant State Fellowship.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. Discussion: Food-webs Review

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.

11. Preparation of Upcoming Meetings

12. Review of Items for Follow-up

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

13. Public Comments

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

**~ 12:30 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](mailto: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 13) 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 on the Zoom webcast and would like to provide oral public comments, please email the meeting clerk at [disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov](mailto: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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