

Delta Independent Science Board 2014 Accomplishments and 2015 Plans

Summary: Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB or Board) Chair Dr. Tracy Collier will brief the Council on recent Delta ISB activities and the work plan and priorities for 2015.

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Dr. Collier will brief the Council on the work of the Delta ISB over the course of 2014 including recent meetings and their outcomes, the Lead Scientist recruitment, the status of the draft report on Fish, Flows and Other Stressors and the Delta ISB 2015 work plan and priorities.

Delta ISB Work Products in 2014

Attachment 1 lists the Delta ISB 2014 work products.

Recent Delta ISB Meetings

The Delta ISB met in person on October 31 and December 11, 2014, and January 15, 2015, and via a teleconference on November 13, 2014 and on January 9, 2015. During these meetings, the Board

- Finalized the [Interim Science Action Agenda letter](#),
- Discussed and finalized a [memo on the Bay-Delta Science Conference 2014](#),
- Commented on the draft charge to the Science Advisory Committee,
- Heard a [presentation on implementing large-scale restoration](#) in a stressed ecosystem by Lenny Grimaldo,
- Provided updates on program reviews of Fish, Flows and Other Stressors (see below), Water Quality, Adaptive Management, Delta as Place and Delta Levees, and
- Discussed the Lead Scientist recruitment (see below).

Lead Scientist Recruitment

The Delta ISB reviewed applications for the Lead Scientist position and recommended that four candidates be interviewed for further consideration.

Fish, Flows and Other Stressors Program Review

During 2014, a subset of the Delta ISB conducted a thematic area review of effects of water flow on Delta fish populations in the context of other stressors. The objective of the thematic review was to improve understanding, scientific collaboration, and communication about the relationships among fishes, flows and stressors. The [status report](#) was given at the January 15 ISB meeting.

2015 Work Plan and 2015 Priorities

At the Delta ISB January 15 meeting, the Board discussed its 2015 work plan and priorities for the upcoming year.

Delta ISB Vacancy

Dr. Judy Meyer resigned her position on the Delta ISB at the end of December 2014. The Board recommends her replacement be a world class scientist with expertise in the areas of estuarine ecology. A [recruitment flyer](#) has been posted on the Council website. The Delta Lead Scientist will review the applications and provide a recommendation to the Council for appointment to the Delta ISB. The position is open until filled, with consideration of candidates beginning February 15.

List of Attachments

Attachment 1: Delta ISB 2014 Work Products

Attachment 2: Status Report Presentation on Fish, Flows and Other Stressors Program Review

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