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# DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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~~March 6~~ **March 12**, 2015

– **Revised** Meeting Notice –

## Delta Science Program Workshop **Delta Challenges**

Monday, March 16, 2015  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza  
Diablo and El Dorado Meeting Rooms  
300 J Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Remote access via Webex Service

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## **PURPOSE**

The Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Science Program will convene a workshop to discuss the risks and challenges facing the Bay-Delta system. The workshop will include panel presentations and discussions on topics including water supply reliability, ecosystem health, water quality, risks to people and property, and economics, among others. After the workshop the Author Panelists – the four previous CALFED/Delta Science Program Lead Scientists (Sam Luoma, Johnnie Moore, Mike Healey and Cliff Dahm) – will summarize the risks and challenges facing the Bay-Delta in a concise, readable report for use by policy-makers and the general public.

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*"Coequal goals" means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place."*

– CA Water Code §85054

## AGENDA (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

*Order of agenda and listed times is approximate and subject to change.*

- 8:00 a.m.    **1. Welcome and Introductions to the Workshop**
- 8:30 a.m.    **2. Panel 1: The Delta’s agricultural, land use, cultural, and recreational characteristics and their challenges**  
                  Land use and demographics - Erik Vink  
                  Levees - Dave Mraz  
                  Delta agricultural economics - ~~to be determined~~ **Richard Howitt**  
                  Social perspectives – ~~to be determined~~
- 10:20 a.m.    **3. Panel 2: Water supply reliability and its challenges**  
  
                  Water operations/supply - John Leahigh  
                  Climate change - Dan Cayan  
                  Regulatory environment - Fran Spivy-Weber  
                  Water supply economics (statewide) - ~~to be determined~~  
                  **Richard Howitt**  
                  Water conservation - Joe Grindstaff
- 4. Panel 3: Protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem and its challenges**
- 1:00 p.m.    **Panel 3A: Hydrodynamics, water quality, salinity, nutrients, & food web**  
  
                  Hydrodynamics - Jon Burau  
                  Salinity and diversions - Greg Gartrell  
                  Nutrients/food web - Jim Cloern  
                  Upper food web - Wim Kimmerer  
                  Contaminants - Val Connor
- 2:30 p.m.    **Panel 3B: Fish, birds & habitat**  
  
                  Historical ecology - Robin Grossinger  
                  Fish/academic perspective - Peter Moyle  
                  Fish/regulatory perspective - Maria Rea  
                  Terrestrial ecology - ~~to be determined~~ **Matt Reiter**
- 4:10 p.m.    **5. Summary remarks from Author Panelists**
- 4:30 p.m.    **6. Public comment** (*Public comment will be limited to 3 minutes per speaker*)

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- If you have any questions, please contact Maggie Christman at (916) 445-0464 or [Maggie.Christman@DeltaCouncil.ca.gov](mailto:Maggie.Christman@DeltaCouncil.ca.gov).
  - A limited number of copies of the agenda will be available at the meeting.
  - Members of the public shall be provided an opportunity for public comment in person at the meeting. Reasonable time limits may be established for public comments (Government Code Sections 11125.7).
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