

Meeting Notice



**Delta
Stewardship
Council**

A CALIFORNIA STATE AGENCY

Meeting Date & Time

Thursday, February 23, 2023

9:00 AM

Location

California Natural Resources Building
(715 P Street Room 221, Sacramento, CA 95814). Please see the end of the notice for parking information.

Webcast

The meeting will be broadcasted and archived via [Cal-Span](https://www.cal-span.org/) ([cal-span.org/](https://www.cal-span.org/)).

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For the health and safety of everyone attending this meeting, the Council will follow County Covid-19 guidelines and strongly recommends masks, physical distancing, and testing if you have symptoms.

This meeting notice was posted online on February 13, 2023.

Agenda Items

The agenda items listed below may be considered in a different order pursuant to the chair's determination. All times listed on the agenda are approximate. At the discretion of the Council, all items appearing on this agenda, whether expressly listed as action items, may be deliberated upon and may be subject to action. Instruction for providing public comment is available at the end of this notice. Public comments may be limited to three minutes per person per agenda item.

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call – Establish a Quorum

3. Closed Session: Litigation (Water Code §85210.5) (Action Item)

The Council may discuss litigation matters pursuant to Government Code §11126 (e)(2)(A), (e)(2)(B)(i), and/or (e)(2)(C)(i), including: (a) Delta Stewardship Council Cases, Coordinated Proceedings JCCP No. 4758; (b) North Coast Rivers Alliance, et al. v. Delta Stewardship Council, Sacramento County Superior Ct. No. 34-2018-80002898; and (c) Takahashi v. Delta Stewardship Council, Sacramento County Superior Ct. No. 34-2018-00232084.

4. Reconvene Open Session (Estimated Start Time: 10:00 AM)

5. Council Consideration and Possible Adoption of Proposed Rulemaking for Section 5001 (Definitions) and Section 5012 (Delta Levees Investment Strategy) (Delta Plan Policy RR P1) of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations (Government Code §11346.8) (Resolution 2023-01) (Action Item)

Council staff will present and recommend that the Council adopt the proposed regulatory amendments for Section 5001 (Definitions) and Section 5012 (Prioritization of State Investments in Delta Levees and Risk Reduction (Delta Plan Policy RR P1)) of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations (Office of Administrative Law File No. Z2022-0816-07) for the implementation of the Delta Levees Investment Strategy (DLIS), as revised after the November 17, 2022, public hearing and receipt of public comments (Revised Proposed DLIS Rulemaking).

6. Roll Call – Establish a Quorum

7. Public Comment

At this time, members of the public may comment on any topic not listed on the agenda.

8. Consent Calendar (Including Resolution 2023-02) (Action Item)

Items for the consent calendar are expected to be routine and non-controversial. The Council will be asked to approve all items on the consent calendar without discussion. If any councilmember, staff member, or interested person requests that an item be removed from the consent calendar, it will be removed. Removed items may be taken up either immediately after the consent agenda or placed later in the agenda at the chair's discretion.

A) Adoption of January 26, 2023, Meeting Summary

B) Consideration and Possible Approval of an Amendment to a Contract with the Regents of the University of California San Diego, California Sea Grant for the Position of Social Scientist Extension Specialist (Resolution 2023-02)

Council staff recommends approval of an amendment to an existing contract #19124 with the Regents of the University of California, San Diego (UCSD), California Sea Grant to add additional funds and extend the tenure of the Social Scientist Extension Specialist, a joint position between the Council and California Sea Grant.

9. Chair's Report (Information Item)

10. Executive Officer's Report

The Executive Officer will provide an update on the Council's activities and provide the Council with outgoing correspondence, the Outreach Highlights Report, the Active Projects List, and other relevant documents.

A) Legal Update (Information Item)

B) Legislative Update (Action Item)

The Council may discuss current legislation that could affect the Council and/or implementation of the Delta Plan and may take action to express

support, opposition, or seek to amend any of the bills listed in the monthly legislative report.

C) Council 2023 Work Plan (Information Item)

Council staff will present the proposed 2023 Council Work Plan that will continue supporting the Council's mission of furthering the coequal goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem, to 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, as mandated by the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009.

11. Lead Scientist's Report (Information Item)

Delta Lead Scientist Dr. Laurel Larsen will update the Council on Delta Science Program activities. The Lead Scientist Report provides the Council unbiased advice on matters of scientific importance in the Delta. In addition, the monthly report offers an opportunity for discussion of relevant advances in science impacting the Delta and highlights Delta Science Program activities.

12. Social Science Integration Team Presentation (Information Item)

Integrating social sciences into environmental science and management in the Delta can contribute to a better understanding of the people who live, work, and recreate in and around the estuary, how the region impacts their health and well-being, and how their behaviors influence environmental issues that affect the coequal goals. Council staff will present the accomplishments of 2022 and ongoing efforts that increase interdisciplinary science to advance the coequal goals.

13. Science Governance Survey Overview with Mark Lubell (Information Item)

Dr. Mark Lubell and Tara Pozzi will provide an overview of UC Davis' work on analyzing the governance of the scientific enterprise, including a summary of past and ongoing activities, key findings, and recommendations.

14. Preparation for the Next Council Meeting

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Public Comments

Members of the public shall be provided an opportunity to address the Council on any agenda item (except closed session items). Comments during the public comment period shall be limited to matters within the Council's jurisdiction. Reasonable time limits may be established for public comments (Government Code Section 11125.7). Your comments are important to each member of the Council and staff.

Members of the public interested in providing comments remotely should join the meeting via Zoom and contact the Council clerk at engage@deltacouncil.ca.gov or call (916) 798-9817, provide their name, and remain on the line. When called on by the Council Chair, Zoom attendees and telephone callers will be unmuted and able to provide oral comments.

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