Meeting Notice



Meeting Date & Time

Thursday, March 27, 2025 9:30 AM

Location

California Natural Resources Agency 715 P Street, Room 221, Sacramento, CA 95814 Please see the end of this notice for parking information. (Government Code § 11123)

Additional Teleconference Location

612 G Street, Suite 101, Small Meeting Room Eureka, CA 95501 Please see the end of this notice for parking information. (Government Code § 11123)

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Agenda Items

The agenda items listed below may be considered in a different order pursuant to the chair's determination. Any 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. Instructions for providing public comment are available at the end of this notice. Visit the <u>Council meetings web page</u> (deltacouncil.ca.gov/council-meetings) for any updates to the meeting notice and/or agenda.

- 1. Welcome, and Introductions
- 2. Roll Call Establish a Quorum

3. Closed session (Action Item)

The Council will meet with legal counsel to discuss pending litigation regarding: 1) the matters of *Takahashi v. Delta Stewardship Council*, Sacramento County Superior Ct. Nos. 34-2018-00232084 and 34-2020-0028963234-2018-00232084 and 34-2020-00289632 and *County of Sacramento, et al v. Delta Stewardship Council*, Sacramento Superior Court No. 25 WM000030 (Government Code section 11126(e)(1)); and 2) whether to initiate litigation based on existing facts and circumstances (Government Code section 11126(e)(2)(C)).

4. Reconvene Open Session (Estimated start time 10:30 a.m.)

5. Public Comment.

At this time, members of the public may comment on any topic within the jurisdiction of the Council that is not listed on the agenda.

6. Consent Calendar (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 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 February 27, 2025, Meeting Summary
- B) Contract with the University of California, Davis to Fund San Francisco Estuary & Watershed Science (SFEWS) Journal Publication (Resolution 2025-03)
- C) Amendment to Contract with the Regents of the University of California San Diego, California Sea Grant for the 2025 Class of Delta Science Fellows and 2024/2025 Classes of State Policy Fellows (Resolution 2025-04)

7. Chair's Report (Information Item)

A) Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee (DPIIC) Meeting Preview (Information Item)

Council staff will provide a preview of the upcoming DPIIC meeting on April 3rd and a review of the DPIIC Restoration Subcommittee that took place on March 13th.

8. Executive Officer's Report

The Executive Officer will provide an update on the Council's activities and 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.

9. Lead Scientist's Report (Information Item)

Delta Lead Scientist Dr. Lisamarie Windham-Myers will update the Council on Delta Science Program activities. The Lead Scientist Report provides the Council with 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.

10. 2025 Delta Research Awards and Delta Science Fellows (Information Item)

Council staff will present the final selections of the 2025 Delta Research Awards and the Delta Science Fellows. The Delta Research Awards and the Delta Science Fellowships are separate, recurring, competitive research funding opportunities that advance critical research needs identified in the 2022-2026 Science Action Agenda as well as advancing the implementation of the Delta Plan. The Delta Research Awards support 3-year research projects for multidisciplinary research teams. The Delta Science Fellowship program pairs the next generation of Delta scientists with mentors to conduct their 2-year research projects.

11. Presentation by the Department of Water Resources on the Proposed West False River Salinity Barrier Project (Information Item)

The Department of Water Resources will provide an update on the planning and implementation of the proposed West False River Salinity Barrier Project, which is a potential covered action.

12. Delta Watermaster Update (Information Item)

The Delta Watermaster will report on his office's comments on the Delta Adapts Draft Adaptation Plan and other activities, including current water year reporting, continuing work of the Delta Measurement Experimental Consortium, and other activities related to Delta Plan implementation.

13. Preparation for 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 if necessary. Your comments are important to each member of the Council and staff.

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