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Meeting Notice of the Delta Independent Science Board

Day 1:
Thursday, August 13, 2020
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM PDT

Day 2:
Friday, August 14, 2020
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM PDT

Meeting Location

Remote access only;
No public location

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order N-25-20 issued on March 12, 2020, and the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020, the Delta Stewardship Council will continue to provide opportunities for remote participation by Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB) members, staff, and the public with prudent measures to reduce community transmission of COVID-19.

Members of the public may observe the meeting via the webcast outlined below. If you have an oral public comment during the meeting, please email the meeting clerk at disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov and provide your name, organization (if applicable), and the agenda item you wish to comment on. Please be on mute until prompted by the 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.

Webcast

The meeting will be webcast and will be recorded. To join the webcast, please register before the meeting via [Zoom](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_R28tD7rjSUC77CRoWZFP7g):
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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email 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.

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Other Remote Options

If you need a phone only option, please call the meeting clerk at 916-445-0637 by 8:00 AM on Thursday, August 13.

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Meeting Materials

Materials referenced in this notice are available on the [events web page](https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/events.html) at <https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/events.html>. Members of the public are encouraged to visit the events web page to view the meeting materials.

Purpose

The Delta ISB will meet regarding its current reviews and efforts. This includes a discussion on any public comments received on the Delta ISB's latest draft report: "[The Science of Non-native Species in a Dynamic Delta](#)," which was prepared as part of the Delta ISB's responsibility to provide scientific oversight of programs that support adaptive management of the Delta. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on next steps to address any public comments received to date on the draft report. In addition, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) will provide an update and overview of the Delta Conveyance Project and the Delta ISB will discuss a potential Delta ISB review of the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project. This item will include perspectives from the Delta Protection Commission on Delta as Place considerations in producing an EIR for the Delta Conveyance Project that is based on the best available science.

This will be the last meeting of Dr. Liz Canuel, Dr. Tracy Collier, Dr. Dick Norgaard, Dr. Vince Resh, and Dr. John Wiens, whose terms on the Delta ISB end on August 31, 2020. Dr. John Callaway, whose term as Delta lead scientist ended on July 31, 2020, will also attend. At the meeting, the outgoing Delta ISB members and Dr. Callaway will share reflections on their respective terms and their experiences working in the Delta system. Incoming Delta ISB members, whose terms will start on September 1, 2020, have been invited to the meeting and will be introduced.

This 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. Times listed on the agenda are approximate only. At the discretion of the Delta ISB, all items appearing on this agenda, whether or not expressly listed for action, may be deliberated upon and may be subject to action.

Day 1: Thursday, August 13, 2020

~ 9:00 AM: Meeting Starts

1. Welcome and Declarations

Delta ISB Chair Dr. Liz Canuel will call the meeting to order and establish a quorum. Incoming Delta ISB members, whose terms will start on September 1, 2020, have been invited to the meeting and will be introduced.

2. Delta ISB Chair Report and Business Matters

3. Delta Stewardship Council Chair and Executive Officer Report

4. Overview of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 and the Delta ISB

a. Overview of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 (Delta Reform Act) and the Legislature's Intent

Alf Brandt, General Counsel to the Speaker of the California State Assembly, will provide an overview of the Delta Reform Act, which he helped draft, and his perspectives on the Legislature's intent and why the Delta ISB was created.

b. Overview of the Delta ISB Review Process

Delta ISB Chair Dr. Liz Canuel will describe the Delta ISB review process, as described in [Appendix G of the Delta Science Plan](#) ("Delta Independent Science Board Review"). In addition, she will provide an overview of current reviews and on progress made with developing and selecting future review topics, as summarized in the document titled "[Planning Future Delta ISB Reviews](#)."

5. Delta ISB Updates and Discussion on Current Reviews

a. Ecosystems (Non-native Species) Review (**Action Item**)

The Delta ISB is in the process of reviewing the adequacy of the science by various programs to predict and explain the effects of non-native species in Delta ecosystems, and the potential for controlling current and future invaders. On July 20, 2020, the Delta ISB released a draft report: "The Science of Non-native Species in a Dynamic Delta" for public comments, which are due on August 24, 2020. At the meeting, the Delta ISB will discuss any public comments received to date. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on next steps to address any public comments on the draft report. For more information on the scope of the review, please refer to the Delta ISB's [ecosystems review prospectus](#).

b. Water Supply Reliability Review

The Delta ISB is undertaking a review of the scientific efforts and methods by various programs to estimate and evaluate water supply reliability. For more information on the scope of the review, please refer to the Delta ISB's [water supply reliability review prospectus](#).

c. Monitoring Enterprise Review

The Delta ISB is undertaking a broad review of the Delta monitoring enterprise, which is the full suite of monitoring activities that occur in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh. The review has two components. Component 1 is the development of a comprehensive inventory of monitoring activities in the Delta, which is now complete (see [Component 1 summary](#)). Component 2 is the Delta ISB's assessment of the Delta monitoring enterprise, which will be based on the information obtained in Component 1 and other information gathered by the Delta ISB during its review. For more information on the scope of the review, please refer to the [monitoring enterprise review prospectus](#).

~ 12:30 PM: Lunch Break

~ 1:00 PM: Reconvene Open Session

6. Delta ISB Updates and Discussion on Outreach Efforts

a. Interagency Ecological Program Review

The Delta ISB has completed its review on the Interagency Ecological Program's ability to provide the science necessary to support management of the Delta (see [final report](#)) and will discuss recent and upcoming outreach efforts to assist the leadership of the Interagency Ecological Program with implementing the recommendations from the review.

b. Science Needs Assessment (**Action Item**)

Based on the [recommendations from the Delta ISB](#) and the endorsement of the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee (DPIIC), the Delta Stewardship Council is in the process of developing a long-term Science Needs Assessment, as part of the [Delta Science Funding and Governance Initiative](#). The Science Needs Assessment will identify key science efforts to provide long-term management insights in the context of rapid environmental change and recommendations for organizing the science enterprise to better address complex and changing problems.

To help inform the Science Needs Assessment, the Delta Stewardship Council is hosting a four part-discussion series in the summer of 2020 and planning a workshop for the fall of 2020 (see [save-the-date flyer](#)). In addition, the Delta ISB is assessing the implications of rapid environmental change for undertaking research to support management in

the Delta, as described in a [recent memorandum](#) to the Delta Stewardship Council and DPIIC. Currently, the Delta ISB is in the process of preparing a journal article on the topic. At the meeting, the Delta ISB will discuss progress made on the Science Needs Assessment itself and the journal article. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on next steps.

7. Public Comments

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

~ 2:00 PM: Meeting Adjourned

Day 2: Friday, August 14, 2020

~ 9:00 AM: Reconvene/Meeting Starts

8. Welcome Back

Delta ISB Chair Dr. Liz Canuel will reconvene the meeting and establish a quorum.

9. Presentation and Discussion: Delta Conveyance Project

a. Update and Overview by DWR and Discussion with the Delta ISB

On April 17, 2020, the Delta ISB submitted a [comment letter](#) to DWR on the Notice of Preparation for the [Delta Conveyance Project](#). In the letter, the Delta ISB invited DWR to attend a future Delta ISB meeting to discuss: (1) the process and timeline for a Delta ISB review of the draft EIR for the Delta Conveyance Project; and (2) Delta ISB insights and expectations based on its previous review of EIR documents for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and California WaterFix. In response to the comment letter, Carrie Buckman of DWR will provide an update on the Delta Conveyance Project and discuss a potential Delta ISB review.

b. Perspectives of the Delta Protection Commission

Erik Vink, Executive Director of the Delta Protection Commission, will share perspectives on Delta as Place considerations in producing an EIR that is based on the best available science.

10. Reflections from Dr. John Callaway on his Term as Delta Lead Scientist

11. Reflections from Outgoing Delta ISB Members on their Terms on the Delta ISB

12. Preparation for Upcoming Delta ISB Meetings

13. Review of Items for Follow-up

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

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

~ 12:00 PM: Meeting Adjourned

Additional Information

- If you have any questions, please contact Edmund Yu at 916-445-0637 or Edmund.Yu@deltacouncil.ca.gov.
- 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 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).
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