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## **Meeting Notice of the Delta Independent Science Board**

Friday, May 28, 2021  
9:30 to 11:30 AM PST

### **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](mailto: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.

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### **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\\_WTCiMEiaSPqJUpUqd0Pyfg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WTCiMEiaSPqJUpUqd0Pyfg)

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.

Note: Accessing the Zoom webcast requires you to enter your name and email, which may be disclosed as public information. The signal for the live feed may be intermittent due to the internet infrastructure at your location.

### **Other Remote Options**

If you need a phone only option, please call the meeting clerk at 916-445-0637 by 8:30 AM on Friday, May 28.

If you prefer a view-only option that does not require registration, the meeting will also be webcast on the [Delta Stewardship Council's YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeO7SNHmkUyw): <https://youtu.be/eO7SNHmkUyw>. With this option, you will not be able to provide oral comments.

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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.

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### **Curtailement of Delta ISB Activities**

As discussed at recent Delta ISB meetings, the current appointment structure of Delta ISB members necessitates greatly curtailing the agenda and activities of the Delta ISB to a much lower level. Substantial delays in many of the Delta ISB's anticipated and legislatively mandated reviews, products, and activities are expected. The Delta ISB is committed to supporting science for the Delta's problems and problem-solving, and looks forward to returning to its high level of productivity as soon as the State fully resolves this issue.

### **Purpose**

As part of the development of the Science Needs Assessment for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, an interagency team with input from the Delta ISB has identified the need to develop a forecasting system to improve the integration of Delta science and technology across agencies to address the Delta's rapidly changing and interlinked challenges. To help stimulate discussion on forecasting needs in the Delta, Dr. Michael Dietze of Boston University will present a seminar on the opportunities and challenges with ecological forecasting.

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 expressly listed for action, may be deliberated upon and may be subject to action.

~ 9:30 AM: Meeting Starts

1. Welcome and Declarations
2. Seminar: 21st Century Science For 21st Century Environmental Decision Making: The Challenges and Opportunities of Near-Term Iterative Ecological Forecasting by Dr. Michael Dietze (Boston University)

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~ 10:30 AM: Seminar Ends

3. Delta ISB Chair Report and Business Matters
4. Delta Stewardship Council Chair and Executive Officer Report ([Information Item](#))
5. Delta Lead Scientist Report ([Information Item](#))

Dr. Laurel Larsen will report on recent advances in Delta science and research, including an overview of an article titled, "Response of Lower Sacramento River phytoplankton to high-ammonium wastewater effluent" ([Strong et al. 2021](#)).

6. Preparation for Upcoming Delta ISB Meetings
7. Review of Items for Follow-up

Staff will provide a summary of any follow-up items for individual members

to address after the meeting.

## 8. Public Comments

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

~ 11:30 AM: Meeting Adjourned

### **Additional Information**

- If you have any questions, please contact Edmund Yu at 916-445-0637 or [Edmund.Yu@deltacouncil.ca.gov](mailto:Edmund.Yu@deltacouncil.ca.gov).
- If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact the Delta Stewardship Council's Human Resources Office at (916) 445-5511, TDD (800) 735-2929.
- 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).