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

Tuesday, July 13, 2021  
1:00 to 3:30 PM PST

### **Meeting Location**

Remote access only; No public location

In accordance with Governor Newsom's June 11, 2021 Executive Order N-08-21, the Delta Stewardship Council will provide for remote participation by Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB) members, staff, and members of the public. As such, this meeting will be conducted entirely remotely via the Delta Stewardship Council's YouTube channel and Zoom: there will not be a public, in-person access location.

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\\_bjgvOsWOS5OweEWkBLkg8Q](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bjgvOsWOS5OweEWkBLkg8Q)

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 12:00 PM on Tuesday, July 13.

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/watch?v=XY6oWz2-OIE): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XY6oWz2-OIE>. 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**

The Delta ISB will meet regarding its current reviews and activities, including a discussion on the draft findings and recommendations from its monitoring enterprise review. In addition, the Delta ISB will discuss the current vacancy on the Delta ISB, and how it may want to approach the scope and format of future reviews and activities.

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.

~ 1:00 PM: Meeting Starts

1. Welcome and Declarations
2. Delta ISB Chair Report and Business Matters
3. Discussion on Resignation of Delta ISB Member James Cloern

Dr. James Cloern has resigned from the Delta ISB, effective June 19, 2021. The Delta ISB will discuss the vacancy and next steps to fill the vacancy with the Delta Stewardship Council and Delta Science Program.

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, "On the human appropriation of wetland primary production" ([Cloern et al. 2021](#)).

6. Delta ISB Updates and Discussion on Current Activities

- a. 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](#) and [draft findings and recommendations](#).

- b. Monitoring Enterprise Review

The Delta ISB is in the process of reviewing how well monitoring programs are meeting the informational needs of management agencies. There are two components to this review. Component 1 was the development of a comprehensive inventory of monitoring programs in the Delta, which was completed in March 2020 (see

[Component 1 summary](#)). Component 2, currently underway, is the Delta ISB's evaluation and recommendations on monitoring programs. At the meeting, the Delta ISB will discuss the draft findings and recommendations from this review. For more information on the scope of the review, please refer to the [monitoring enterprise review prospectus](#).

7. Discussion: Future Reviews and Activities

The Delta ISB will continue to discuss how it may want to approach the scope and format of its future reviews and activities.

8. Preparation for Upcoming Delta ISB Meetings

9. Review of Items for Follow-up

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

10. Public Comments

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

~ 3:30 PM: 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 (Agenda Item 10) 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).