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Meeting Notice of the Delta Independent Science Board

Thursday, September 16, 2021
10:30 AM to 1:30 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 Cal-SPAN 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 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_-fnP4ITvSEi1w_0XDxjk5Q

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 916-902-6571 by 7:30 AM on Thursday, September 16.

If you prefer a view-only option that does not require registration, the meeting will also be webcast on [Cal-SPAN](https://cal-span.org/static/index.php): <https://cal-span.org/static/index.php>. With this option, you will not be able to provide oral comments.

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.

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 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 discuss the recruitment of post-doctoral scholars that will help support the Delta ISB's work, the current vacancy on the Delta ISB, the election of the new Chair-elect, and the draft report for the Monitoring Enterprise Review. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on electing a new Chair-elect and on next steps on the Monitoring Enterprise Review.

In addition, Dr. Laurel Larsen will provide an overview of the Delta Science Program, what science it supports in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and how it promotes and utilizes adaptive management. Afterwards, the Delta ISB will debrief on Dr. Larsen's presentation along with the agency presentations from its August 19, 2021 meeting and discuss how to move forward with future review topics.

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.

~ 10:30 AM: Meeting Starts

1. Welcome and Declarations
2. Delta ISB Chair Report and Business Matters
3. Delta Stewardship Council Chair and Executive Office Report
4. Discussion and Potential Action: Recruitment of Post-doctoral Scholars for Delta ISB Support (**Action Item**)

The Regents of the University of California, San Diego, California Sea Grant under contract with the Delta Stewardship Council will administer the recruitment and selection process for two post-doctoral researchers that will provide support to the Delta ISB for two years. The Delta ISB will discuss next steps for recruiting two post-doctoral researchers that will perform research, analyses and draft preliminary reports, presentations, and publications in support of review projects undertaken by the Delta ISB. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on next steps for the recruitment.

5. Discussion: Delta ISB Member Recruitment

Due to the resignation of Dr. Jim Cloern, there has been a vacancy on the Delta ISB since June 19, 2021. Dr. Laurel Larsen, Delta lead scientist, will provide an update to the Delta ISB on her plans for filling the position and will seek feedback from the Delta ISB on filling the position.

6. Election of New Delta ISB Chair-elect (**Action Item**)

The Chair-elect position has been vacant since May 8, 2020. The Delta ISB will discuss the election of a new Chair-elect and may take action to elect a new Chair-elect from its existing membership. Once elected, the new Chair-elect's duties would begin immediately.

7. Discussion and Potential Action: Monitoring Enterprise Review (**Action Item**)

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. The Delta ISB will discuss the latest draft report. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on next steps. For more information on the scope of the review, please refer to the [monitoring enterprise review prospectus](#).

8. Discussion: 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](#).

9. Overview of the Delta Stewardship Council – Delta Science Program by Dr. Laurel Larsen (Delta Lead Scientist)

The Delta ISB will hear from Dr. Laurel Larsen who will provide an overview of the Delta Science Program, what science it supports in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and how it promotes or utilizes adaptive management.

10. Debrief on Agency Presentations and Discuss Future Reviews

The Delta ISB will debrief on the presentation from Dr. Larsen along with the other agency overview presentations from the Delta ISB's August 19, 2021 meeting (see [recording](#)) and discuss how the information obtained from these agencies could help inform future review topics.

11. Preparation for Upcoming Delta ISB Meetings

12. Review of Items for Follow-up

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

13. Public Comments

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

~ 1:30 PM: Meeting Adjourned

Additional Information

- If you have any questions, please contact Edmund Yu at 916-902-6571 or 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.
- 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 13) 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).