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Meeting Notice of the Delta Independent Science Board

Day 1, Wednesday, January 12, 2022
1:00 pm to 4:30 pm PST

Day 2, Thursday, January 13, 2022
8:30 am to 4:30 pm PST

Meeting Location

Remote access only;
No public location

In accordance with Assembly Bill 361 (Government Code Section 11133), 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_AiSFkc6KQiq-pa7gErD3CQ):
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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.

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 Wednesday, January 12.

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.

Purpose

Over the next few months, the Delta ISB will host a series of presentations to better orient new members on Delta science and management, as it embarks on new reviews, starting with the two-day Delta ISB meeting from January 12 to 13. On January 12, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) will provide an overview of the operations of the State Water Project and Central Valley Project. In addition, the California Department of Water Resources will provide an overview and update on the Delta Conveyance Project.

On January 13, the Delta ISB will meet to discuss its current reviews, future reviews, and revisit the Science Needs Assessment. This will include a discussion on the draft 2022-2026 Science Action Agenda review and the Delta ISB's water supply reliability review. In addition, the Delta ISB will hold an open forum that will provide an opportunity for individual Delta ISB members and the public to identify and discuss emerging science issues that may warrant a review by the Delta ISB. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take potential action on the next steps on current and future reviews, along with the Science Needs Assessment.

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.

Day 1, Wednesday, January 12, 2022

~ 1:00 PM: Meeting Starts

1. Welcome and Declarations
2. Orientation Presentation: Overview of the operations of the State Water Project and Central Valley Project

John Leahigh (DWR) will provide an overview of the operations of the State Water Project, while Kristin White (USBR) will provide an overview of the operations of the Central Valley Project to better orient the Delta ISB on water operations to help inform future Delta ISB reviews.

3. Orientation Presentation: Overview and Update of the Delta Conveyance Project

Carrie Buckman (DWR) will provide an overview and update on the Delta Conveyance Project to help inform the Delta ISB's future review of the Delta Conveyance Project Environmental Impact Report, as indicated in the [Delta ISB's April 17, 2020, comment letter](#) on the Notice of Preparation for Delta Conveyance Project.

4. Public Comments

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

~ 4:30 PM: Recess until the next day on January 13, 2022, at ~8:30 AM

Day 2, Thursday, January 13, 2022

~ 8:30 AM: Meeting Reconvenes

5. Welcome Back
6. Delta ISB Chair Report and Business Matters

7. Delta Stewardship Council Report and Executive Officer Report
8. Delta Lead Scientist Report
9. Discussion and Potential Action: Draft 2022-2026 Science Action Agenda Review (**Action Item**)

On November 19, 2021, the Delta Science Program submitted a [request](#) to the Delta ISB to review the [draft 2022-2026 Science Action Agenda](#), which was collaboratively developed by and for the Delta science community under the leadership of the Delta Science Program to provide a framework to address persistent, emerging, and forthcoming scientific uncertainties. The Delta ISB will continue to discuss its review of the draft Science Action Agenda. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on the next steps to finalize the review to submit to the Delta Science Program.

10. Discussion and Potential Action: Water Supply Reliability Review (**Action Item**)

The Delta ISB is completing a review of the scientific efforts and methods by various programs to estimate and evaluate water supply reliability. The Delta ISB will discuss the status of revising the draft report, [Review of Water Supply Reliability Estimation Related to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta](#), to address public comments received on the review. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on the next steps to finalize the review to submit to the Delta Stewardship Council. For more information on the scope of the review, please refer to the Delta ISB's [water supply reliability review prospectus](#).

11. Discussion and Potential Action: Science Needs Assessment (**Action Item**)

Based on the [recommendations from the Delta ISB](#) in February 2019 and the endorsement of the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee (DPIIC), a long-term Science Needs Assessment was being developed, as part of the [Delta Science Funding and Governance Initiative](#), before the project was placed on hold by the Delta ISB in June 2021. 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. At the meeting, Dr. Steve Brandt and Dr. Jay Lund of the Delta ISB will provide an update on the progress made on the Science Needs Assessment before it was put on hold by the Delta ISB, and whether to reinstate the effort. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on the next steps.

12. Discussion and Potential Action: Future Reviews (Action Item)

The Delta ISB will continue to discuss future reviews, including the topics that emerged as top priorities at its November 15 and 16, 2021 virtual planning retreat meeting, such as subsidence reversal, environmental flows, and food webs. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on the next steps for future reviews.

13. Open Forum: Emerging Science Issues and Future Reviews (Action Item)

The Delta ISB will hold an open forum that will provide an opportunity for individual Delta ISB members and the public to identify and discuss emerging science issues that may warrant a review or action by the Delta ISB. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take potential action on the next steps, including future reviews.

14. Preparation for Upcoming Delta ISB Meetings

15. Review of Items for Follow-up

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

16. Public Comments

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

~ 4:30: 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 4 and 16) 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).