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

Day 1, Monday, March 27, 2023  
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Day 2, Tuesday, March 28, 2023  
10:00 AM to 1:30 PM (Rindge Tract Tour)  
[Please see separate notice with details](#)

### **Meeting Location**

California Natural Resources Agency  
715 P Street, Room 221  
Sacramento, CA 95814

*(Parking information is at the end of the notice)*

For the health and safety of everyone attending this meeting, masks and physical distancing are strongly recommended.

### **Public Comments**

Information for providing public comments is at the end of this notice. Public comment may be limited to three minutes per person.

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### **Webcast**

The March 27 meeting will be webcast and recorded. To join the webcast, please register before the meeting via [Zoom](#):

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_YHECSx19TPCv7bPiYjhjLA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YHECSx19TPCv7bPiYjhjLA)

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.

## **Other Remote Options**

If you need a phone-only option, please call the meeting clerk at 916-902-6571 by 8:00 AM on Monday, March 27.

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.

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## **Meeting Materials**

Materials referenced in this notice are available on the Delta Independent Science Board's (Delta ISB's) [meetings web page](https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-isb/meetings) at <https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-isb/meetings>. Members of the public are encouraged to visit the events web page to view the meeting materials.

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## **Purpose**

The Delta ISB will meet from March 27 to 28. On March 27, the Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB) will meet to discuss its activities. This will include discussing draft prospectuses for its subsidence reversal, food-webs, and decision-making under deep uncertainty reviews. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on next steps for finalizing each prospectus, which may include circulating the prospectus to various mailing lists for public comments. In addition, 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.

In addition, Gilbert Cosio, President of River Delta Consulting, and Tom Slater, Delta Protection Commission Member, will provide an overview of the impacts of recent storms on the Delta and how communities responded.

The meeting will continue on March 28 with a Rindge Tract tour. For more information on the tour, please read the [March 28 meeting notice](#).

This Purpose 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. The 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.

## ~ 9:00 AM: Meeting Starts

1. Welcome and Declarations
2. Delta ISB Chair Report and Business Matters
3. Election of New Delta ISB Chair-elect (**Action Item**)

The Chair-elect position has been vacant since Dr. Lisa Wainger's term as Chair began on September 1, 2022. 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 will begin immediately.

4. Delta Stewardship Council Report and Executive Officer Report
5. Delta Lead Scientist Report
6. Presentation: Delta Science Tracker

Dr. Laurel Larsen, Delta Lead Scientist, and George Isaac, Delta Science Program Senior Environmental Scientist, will present an overview of the recently developed [Delta Science Tracker](#). The Delta Science Tracker is a comprehensive web-based inventory of scientific research and monitoring activities in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta that builds off the inventory used for the [Delta ISB's monitoring enterprise review](#).

7. Discussion: Decision-making Under Deep Uncertainty Review (**Action Item**)

The Delta ISB will discuss its draft prospectus for its review of decision-making under deep uncertainty. According to the draft prospectus, this review will build an understanding of the scientific tools and concepts that can inform management and policy decision-making under rapid change and increasing uncertainty of future forecasts. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on next steps for finalizing the prospectus, which may include circulating the prospectus for public comments.

## ~ 12:00 PM: Lunch. Reconvene at ~1:00 PM.

8. Presentation: Overview of Impacts of the Recent Storms on the Delta

Gilbert Cosio, President of River Delta Consulting, and Tom Slater, Delta Protection Commission Member, will provide an overview of the impacts of recent storms on the Delta and how communities responded.

9. Discussion: Subsidence Reversal Review (**Action Item**)

The Delta ISB will discuss its draft prospectus for its review of subsidence reversal. According to the draft prospectus, the purpose of this review is to support ongoing and future subsidence management efforts by summarizing, examining, and assessing the existing or planned programs, barriers and opportunities, state of scientific understanding, and the scientific gaps and deficiencies of interconnected areas of subsidence. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on next steps for finalizing the prospectus, which may include circulating the prospectus for public comments.

10. Discussion: Food-webs Review (**Action Item**)

The Delta ISB will discuss its draft prospectus for its review of food-webs. According to the draft prospectus, the purpose of this review is to assess the importance of food web interactions in the Delta, and to identify where improved understanding and tools (e.g., food web models) could substantially improve predictions of species' responses to environmental drivers and management actions. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on next steps for finalizing the prospectus, which may include circulating the prospectus for public comments.

11. Overview of the Rindge Tract Tour

On March 28, the Delta ISB will tour Rindge Tract (see [March 28 meeting notice](#) for more information).

12. Preparation for Upcoming Delta ISB Meetings

13. Review of Items for Follow-up

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

14. Public Comments

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

~ 5:00 PM: Recess until the next day, March 28, 2023, at ~10:00 AM (Rindge Tract Tour). The meeting will convene at the Rindge Tract Partners Duck Club ([see the March 28 meeting notice for agenda and details](#)).

## Contact

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

## Public Comments

- 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 14) 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).
- To make an oral public comment, please complete a blue card that is available near the entrance of the meeting location and provide it to the meeting clerk.
- If you are on the Zoom webcast and would like to provide oral public comments, 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 Delta ISB 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.
  - The Delta ISB is not responsible for unforeseen technical difficulties that may occur. The Delta ISB is under no obligation to postpone or delay its meeting in the event such technical difficulties occur during or before the meeting. In the event of technical difficulties with access via Zoom, please listen in by phone using the number that is provided to you upon registration.

## Parking Information

Metered street parking is available on adjacent streets. Paid parking is also available at a state-owned parking garage at 10th and P Streets and a private-owned parking lot at 7th and Q Streets. The closest light rail station is the 8th and O Station.