



Delta Independent Science Board

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Meeting Notice of the Delta Independent Science Board

Wednesday, January 17, 2024
9:00 AM to 12:30 PM PT

This is a teleconference meeting of the Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB; Government Code Section 11123). Information for a remote public participation option is found below.

Location

California Natural Resources Agency
715 P Street, Room 15-204
Sacramento, CA 95814

(Additional teleconference locations are listed below)

Public Comments

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

Webcast

The meeting will be webcast and recorded. The webcast may be accessed at [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 public comments.

Remote Participation Option

To participate remotely via [Zoom](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9S6nqBEPQMOiq-OJL_S6bw), please provide a Zoom name and email address at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9S6nqBEPQMOiq-OJL_S6bw.

After registering, you will receive an email to the email address provided 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 a name and email, which may be disclosed as public information.

Phone Only Option

If you need a phone-only option, please call the Clerk of the Board at 916-902-6571 by 8:00 AM on Wednesday, January 17, 2024.

Meeting Materials

Materials referenced in this notice are available on the 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.

Purpose

The Delta ISB will meet to discuss its reviews and activities, which will help inform the Delta ISB's 2024 annual work plan. This will include a discussion on Delta ISB's draft comment letter on the draft Staff Report released by the State Water Resources Control Board in support of Sacramento/Delta updates to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on next steps for submitting the comment letter.

In addition, the Delta ISB will discuss the final Environmental Impact Report released by the California Department of Water Resources for the Delta Conveyance Project, and potentially drafting a memo on how well Delta ISB comments on the draft Environmental Impact Report were addressed. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on next steps for reviewing the Final Environmental Impact Report.

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. Presentation: Review and Recommendations of Bifenthrin Mixtures in the Sacramento – San Joaquin Delta for a Changing Future

Eduardo Martinez, California Sea Grant State Fellow with the Council's Delta Science Program, will present results from his review to address gaps in bifenthrin research and management, along with recommendations to address those gaps. Bifenthrin, a synthetic pyrethroid heavily used in urban and agricultural areas for pest management, is frequently detected and is known to affect sensitive aquatic species in the Delta.

4. Discussion: Sacramento/Delta Update to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan (Next Steps)

The State Water Resources Control Board is currently considering updates to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan focused on the Sacramento River and its tributaries, Delta eastside tributaries (including the Calaveras, Cosumnes, and Mokelumne Rivers), interior Delta flows, and Delta outflows, including consideration of proposed voluntary agreements. On September 28, 2023, the State Water Resources Control Board released a [draft Staff Report](#) in support of Sacramento/Delta updates to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan for public review and comment, which are due on January 19, 2024. The Delta ISB will discuss the draft Staff Report and its [draft comment letter](#) to the State Water Resources Control Board. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on next steps for submitting the comment letter.

5. Discussion: Delta Conveyance Project Final Environmental Impact Report Review

The California Department of Water Resources released the [Final Environmental Impact Report](#) for the Delta Conveyance Project on December 8, 2023, and [certified the report](#) on December 21, 2023. The Delta ISB will discuss the final Environmental Impact Report, and potentially drafting a memo on how well [its comments on the draft Environmental Impact Report](#) were addressed. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on next steps for reviewing the Final Environmental Impact Report.

6. Discussion: Decision-making Under Deep Uncertainty Review

The Delta ISB will discuss progress made on its decision-making under deep uncertainty review ([see prospectus](#)). The review will build an understanding of the scientific tools and concepts that can increase the capacity to anticipate and adapt to growing uncertainty of future conditions in the Bay-Delta system.

7. Discussion: Subsidence Review

The Delta ISB will discuss progress made on its subsidence review ([see prospectus](#)). This review will synthesize and evaluate the state of science related to subsidence management in order to provide recommendations to inform and guide ongoing and future subsidence management.

8. Discussion: Food-webs Review

The Delta ISB will discuss progress made on its food-webs review ([see prospectus](#)). The review will assess the importance of food-web interactions in the Delta, and identify where improved understanding and tools (e.g., food-web models) might substantially improve predictions of an individual species' response to environmental drivers and management actions.

9. Preparation for Upcoming Meetings

10. Review of Items for Follow-up

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

11. Public Comments

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

~ 12:00 PM: Meeting adjourned

Contact

- If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk of the Board at 916-902-6571 or disb@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 11) 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 or Delta ISB member at that meeting location.
- If you are on the Zoom webcast or on the phone and would like to provide oral public comments, please email the meeting clerk at disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov and provide a name, organization (if applicable – not required), 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.

Delta ISB Member Teleconference Locations

Location 1
Chesapeake Biological Lab
Parish House
146 Williams Street
Solomons, MD 20688

Location 2
15 Phillips Road
Palo Alto, CA 94303

Location 3
260 Panama St
Stanford, CA 94305

Location 4
1380 Lawrence St., Suite 500
Denver, CO 80204

Location 5
712 Brannock Terrace
Annapolis, MD 21401

Location 6

Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research,
450 UCB
4001 Discovery Drive
Boulder, CO 80303

Location 7:

1228 Avondale Lane
West Palm Beach, FL 33409

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