



Delta Independent Science Board

DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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Meeting Notice of the Delta Independent Science Board

Monday, April 22, 2024
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Location

California Natural Resources Agency
715 P Street, Room 2-302
Sacramento, CA 95814

Some members may attend remotely by Zoom. A quorum will be present at the location listed.
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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. This will include a discussion of its subsidence, food-webs, and decision-making under deep uncertainty reviews.

In addition, the Delta ISB will hear from new and outgoing Delta ISB support staff. Margot Mattson, the new California Sea Grant State Fellow at the Council, will provide an overview of her past research, areas of interest, and what she hopes to learn from her work with the Delta ISB. In addition, Dr. Lillian McCormick and Dr. Kristine Grace Cabugao will reflect on what they learned from their work as Delta ISB postdoctoral scholars and on their independent research.

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. Delta Lead Scientist Recruitment Update

The Delta Stewardship Council, in partnership with the United States Geological Survey, is in the process of recruiting the next lead scientist for the Delta Science Program. The Delta lead scientist is appointed by the Delta

Stewardship Council after consultation with the Delta ISB, pursuant to Water Code section 85280(b). Delta ISB Chair Dr. Wainger will provide an update on the next steps for the Delta ISB's recommendation concerning the appointment to the Council.

4. Delta Stewardship Council Chair and Executive Office Report
5. Presentation: "People, place, and change in coastal ecosystems" by Margot Mattson (California Sea Grant State Fellow)

Margot Mattson, the new California Sea Grant State Fellow at the Council, will provide an overview of her past research, areas of interest, and what she hopes to learn from her work with the Delta ISB.

~10:15 AM: Break

~ 10:35 AM: Reconvene

6. Delta Lead Scientist Report
7. 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.

8. 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 drafting a memorandum to the California Department of Water Resources on how [its comments on the draft Environmental Impact Report](#) were addressed.

~12:00 PM: ~ Lunch

~ 1:00 PM: Reconvene

9. Presentation: Postdoctoral Scholar Reflections

Dr. Lillian McCormick and Dr. Kristine Grace Cabugao will reflect on what they learned from their work as Delta ISB postdoctoral scholars, including

their independent research.

- a) "Illuminating food web species interactions in the Bay-Delta Estuary" by Dr. Lillian McCormick
- b) "Bridging Science and Stewardship: Reflections from an Outgoing Postdoc" by Dr. Kristine Grace Cabugao

10. 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.

~ 3:00 PM: Break

~ 3:15 PM: Reconvene

11. 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.

12. Discussion: Brainstorm Future Reviews

The Delta ISB will review their [2024 draft workplan](#) and discuss the possibility of planning future reviews and review topics, such as contaminants.

13. Public Comments

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

14. Preparation for Upcoming 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.

~ 5:00 PM: Meeting adjourned

Contact

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Public Comments

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