



Delta Independent Science Board

DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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Meeting Notice of the Delta Independent Science Board

Friday, June 21, 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).

Delta ISB Board Member teleconference locations are listed at the end of the notice

Public Comments

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

Remote Participation Option

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Note: Accessing the Zoom webcast requires you to enter a name and email, which may be disclosed as public information.

Webcast

The meeting will be webcast and recorded. The webcast may be accessed at [Cal-SPAN](#): <https://cal-span.org/static/index.php>. With this option, you will not be able to provide oral public comments.

Additional Location

California Natural Resources Agency
715 P Street, Room 2-309
Sacramento, CA 95814

Staff will be present at this location. The public will be able to address the Board through electronic means from this location.

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 Friday, June 21, 2024.

Meeting Materials

This notice and 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 on public comments received on its draft review, [Exploring scientific and management implications of upper trophic level food webs in the Delta](#).

In addition, the Delta ISB will discuss its comments on the Delta Stewardship Council's [draft five-year review](#) of the Delta Plan. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on next steps for submitting comments.

The Delta Science Program will provide an update on developing the third iteration of the Delta Science Plan, which aims to provide a vision, principles, and approaches for coordinating science in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. This iteration's proposed focus is on addressing the "wicked" problems, or "grand challenges," facing Delta science. The Delta Science Program will present the [draft Grand Challenges to Delta Science](#) for discussion.

Lastly, the Delta ISB recently [submitted comments](#) on the [draft Cyanobacterial Harmful Algal Bloom Monitoring Strategy for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta](#). Ellen Preece (California Department of Water Resources) and Tricia Lee (Delta Science Program) will present an update on finalizing the strategy and on how the authors are planning to address Delta ISB comments.

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 and Discussion: Draft Cyanobacterial Harmful Algal Bloom Monitoring Strategy for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta

The Delta ISB recently [submitted comments](#) on the [draft Cyanobacterial Harmful Algal Bloom Monitoring Strategy for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta](#). Ellen Preece (California Department of Water Resources) and Tricia Lee (Delta Science Program) will present an update on finalizing the strategy and on how the authors are planning to address Delta ISB comments.

4. Presentation and Discussion: Draft Grand Challenges to Delta Science (**Action Item**)

The Delta Science Program will provide an update on developing the third iteration of the Delta Science Plan, which aims to provide a vision, principles, and approaches for coordinating science in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. This iteration's proposed focus is on addressing the “wicked” problems, or “grand challenges,” facing Delta science. The Delta Science Program will present the [draft Grand Challenges to Delta Science](#) for discussion, which is out for public feedback. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on whether it plans to submit written feedback during the comment period, which ends July 12, 2024.

5. Discussion and Potential Action: Draft Delta Plan Five-year Review Report with Performance Measures Report Cards (**Action Item**)

The Delta Stewardship Council is in the process of conducting another [five-year review](#) of the Delta Plan to evaluate progress in implementing its policies, recommendations, and performance measures and is now seeking public input on the findings and recommendations. The Delta ISB will discuss its comments on the five-year review. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on next steps for submitting comments to the Delta

Stewardship Council.

6. Discussion: Draft Delta Adapts Adaptation Plan Review

The Delta ISB will discuss its review of the Delta Stewardship Council's draft Delta Adapts Adaptation Plan. The Council embarked on its climate initiative, Delta Adapts, in 2018. Delta Adapts consists of two parts: (1) a climate change [Vulnerability Assessment](#) for the Delta and Suisun Marsh, and (2) an Adaptation Plan detailing strategies and actions to adapt and respond to the identified vulnerabilities. It takes a comprehensive, regional approach to climate resiliency that cuts across regional boundaries with a focus on collaboration across state, local, and regional levels. Council staff presented an update at the previous Delta ISB meeting on the draft Adaptation Plan and the ISB is interested in reviewing and providing comments during the comment period.

7. Discussion: Food-webs Review

The Delta Independent Science Board will discuss public comments received on its draft review, [Exploring scientific and management implications of upper trophic level food webs in the Delta](#). The draft was based on a review of the literature on the subject, public comments on the prospectus and at Delta ISB meetings, and a focused two-day workshop. The goal of this review is to provide information that would help organizations, including state and federal agencies, assess how to better incorporate and advance food web knowledge in managing the Delta's ecosystems and to identify what tools are available or should be developed.

8. 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.

9. Public Comments

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

10. Preparation for Upcoming Meetings

11. Review of Items for Follow-up

Staff will provide a summary of any follow-up items for individual members

to address after the meeting.

~ 12:30 PM: Meeting adjourned

Contact

- If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk of the Board at 916-902-6571, via email at disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov, or visit the Delta Stewardship Council Office (715 P Street, 15-300, Sacramento, CA 95691).
- 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 each agenda item except closed session items.
 - In addition, comments during the Public Comment period (Agenda Item 9) 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 at disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov with the message that should be read to the Delta ISB and specify which agenda item.
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Delta ISB Member Teleconference Locations

Location 1

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

Location 2

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

Location 3

237 Del Monte Ave, Los Altos, CA
94022

Location 4

1380 Lawrence St., Suite 500
Denver, CO 80204

Location 5

1010 Guard St
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

Location 6

University of Tennessee
425B Hesler Hall
Knoxville, TN 37996

Location 7

1228 Avondale Lane
West Palm Beach, FL 33409

Location 8

15 Phillips Road
Palo Alto, CA 94303

Location 9

Spitalplatz 1
78199 Braeunlingen, Germany

Location 10

712 Brannock Terrace
Annapolis, MD 21401