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Meeting Notice of the Delta Independent Science Board (Day 1 – Rindge Tract and Staten Island Tour)

October 3-4, 2024, Meeting
Day 1, Thursday, October 3, 2024
9:45 AM to 4:00 PM PT

This notice is for the first day (October 3) of a two-day Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB) meeting (October 3-4, 2024). For information on day 2 of the meeting, please refer to the [day 2 \(October 4\) meeting notice](#).

Stop #1 Location

Rindge Tract Partners Duck Club

There is no set address for the Rindge Tract Partners Duck Club. Please see the [map for directions to the entrance bridge to Rindge Tract just beyond Paradise Point](#). Once you are at the bridge, please see [the following map for directions to Rindge Tract Partners Duck Club](#).

Stop #2 Location

North End of Staten Island

There is no set address. Please see the map for the directions to the [north end of Staten Island](#).

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

There will be no remote option for this tour. This tour will not be recorded.

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

On October 3, 2024, the Delta ISB will tour Rindge Tract and Staten Island. At Rindge Tract, the Delta ISB will learn about how crops more typical of the Delta lowlands are farmed and how traditional methods of irrigation and drainage are employed. At Staten Island, the Delta ISB will learn how the land is managed to support wildlife-friendly agriculture, to protect migratory bird habitat, and about the challenges of subsidence.

To help with planning, please email disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov by noon on October 2 if you plan to attend the tour. **For health and safety, all attendees must wear close-toed shoes and long pants.**

All members of the public participating in the tour are responsible for their transportation to and from the tour, as well as their food and water. There will be no refreshments or water provided at any time during the tour. All times listed in the agenda are approximate.

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.

~ 9:45 AM: Tour/Meeting Starts at Stop #1: Rindge Tract Partners Duck Club

Please see [map for directions to the entrance bridge to Rindge Tract just beyond Paradise Point](#). Once you are at the bridge, please see [the following map for directions to Rindge Tract Partners Duck Club](#).

1. Welcome and Declarations
2. Public Comments

The Delta ISB will take public comments on topics within its jurisdiction that

are not on the agenda.

3. Overview of Rindge Tract

Tom Zuckerman and Jeff Klein whose families co-own and manage part of Rindge Tract will provide an overview of how crops more typical of the Delta lowlands are farmed and how traditional methods of irrigation and drainage are employed. In addition, the Delta ISB will receive an overview of an upcoming project by Pelican Renewables LLC, which will construct a deep injection well and related infrastructure on Rindge Tract for geologic sequestration of carbon dioxide.

4. Lunch and Debrief of the Tour

The Delta ISB will debrief on what they learned over lunch at the Rindge Tract Partners Duck Club. Please bring your own lunch for the debrief.

~ 1:00 PM: Leave Rindge Tract and head over to Stop #2: Staten Island

~ 1:45 PM: Reconvene Tour at Stop #2: Staten Island

Please see map for the directions to the [north end of Staten Island](#).

5. Overview of Staten Island

Jerred Dixon, President of Conversation Farms and Ranches, and Allen Bacon, a biologist who manages the Staten Island conservation program, will lead a tour of the island, owned by The Nature Conservancy. They will provide an overview of land management practices that implement wildlife-friendly agriculture for all wildlife, with a focus on supporting key migratory bird species. Additionally, they will discuss habitat management goals related to climate change, subsidence, greenhouse gas reduction, and carbon sequestration.

6. Closing Remarks from the Delta ISB Chair

~ 4:00 PM: Recess Meeting. Meeting will reconvene the following day (October 4) at the Ryde Hotel at approximately 9:00 AM. For more information, please refer to the [day 2 meeting notice](#).

Contact

- If you have any questions, please contact the clerk of the Board at 916-902-6571, email disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov, or visit the Delta Stewardship Council Office (715 P Street, 15-300, Sacramento, CA 95814).
- If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact the Delta Stewardship Council 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 2) 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.