



Delta Independent Science Board

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Meeting Notice of the Delta Independent Science Board

December 3-4, 2024, Meeting
Day 2, Wednesday, December 4, 2024
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM PT

This notice is for the second day (December 4) of a two-day Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB) meeting. For information on day 1 of the meeting, please refer to the [day 1 \(December 3, 2024\) meeting notice](#).

Some members may attend remotely by Zoom. A quorum will be present at the location listed below (Gov. Code Section 11123.2).

Location

Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy
1450 Halyard Dr, Suite 6
West Sacramento, CA 95691

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

To participate remotely via [Zoom](#), please provide a Zoom name and email address at https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uKZNC8rKT9eSQofGIWyQDw

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.

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, December 4, 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

On December 4, 2024, the Delta ISB will meet to discuss its reviews and activities, including debriefing on the public Lookout Slough tour on December 3. The Delta ISB will also discuss public comments received on its draft prospectus on the emerging climate science symposium, along with comments on the Delta Stewardship Council's draft Tribal and Environmental Justice issue paper and the Delta Adapts Draft Adaptation Plan.

Andrew Schwarz of the California Department of Water Resources will provide an overview of the Final State Water Project Delivery Capability Report for 2023, which was released in July 2024. This year's report included major changes to the data and methods used to model conditions that have changed and will continue to evolve as a result of climate change, which is responsive to the recommendations from the Delta ISB's 2022 water supply reliability estimation review.

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. Discussion: Debrief on Day 1 (December 3) Field Tour of Lookout Slough Tidal Habitat Restoration and Flood Improvement Project

The Delta ISB will debrief on what they learned during their field tour of Lookout Slough during day 1 of the meeting on the previous day.

4. Discussion: Planning for a Climate Science Research Symposium (**Action Item**)

The Delta ISB is planning to host a symposium in early 2025 that explores: 1) the current climate projections for California's Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and related uncertainties; and 2) how organizations in the region are incorporating climate change into their decision making. The Delta ISB released a [draft prospectus](#) for public comments, which were due at noon on November 19, 2024. The Delta ISB will discuss public comments received on the draft prospectus and may take action on next steps for finalizing the prospectus.

5. Discussion: Delta Adapts Draft Adaptation Plan

The Delta Stewardship Council has published a [draft Adaptation Plan](#) as part of its climate initiative, [Delta Adapts](#). The draft details strategies and actions to improve regional resilience to climate change, including adaptation costs and governance recommendations. The draft Adaptation Plan and supporting documentation are now available for public review and comment through **January 17, 2025**. The Delta ISB will discuss its comments on the draft Adaptation Plan and its review.

6. Discussion: Delta ISB Member Reappointments and Recruitments

Five Delta ISB members will complete their first term on August 31, 2025, and could be appointed to a second term. Per the Delta Reform Act, the Delta Stewardship Council is responsible for appointing Delta ISB members. As part of the process, the Delta Stewardship Council asks the Delta Lead Scientist to provide a recommendation on the appointment. Dr. Lisamarie Windham-Myers will provide an update and discussion on Delta ISB member reappointments and recruitment.

~ 12:00 PM: 1.5-hour Lunch Break

~ 1:30 PM: Reconvene Meeting

7. Presentation: Overview of the State Water Project Delivery Capability Report
Andrew Schwarz of the California Department of Water Resources will provide an overview of the [Final State Water Project Delivery Capability Report for 2023](#), which was released in July 2024. This report is used extensively by State Water Project contractors and others to plan their water uses, such as Integrated Regional Water Management Plans. This year's report included major changes to the data and methods used to model conditions that have changed and will continue to evolve as a result of climate change, which is responsive to the recommendations from the [Delta ISB's 2022 water supply reliability estimation review](#).

8. Discussion: Delta ISB Comments on the Delta Stewardship Council's Draft Tribal and Environmental Justice Issue Paper (**Action Item**)

The Delta Stewardship Council has released the public review draft of its Tribal and Environmental Justice issue paper: [Tribal and Environmental Justice Issues in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: History and Current Perspectives](#). The draft presents the Council's understanding of tribal and environmental justice issues in and around the Delta and recommends actions to better address those issues within the scope of the Council's mission, authority, and influence. The Delta ISB will discuss its comments on the public review draft. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on next steps for submitting comments to the Delta Stewardship Council.

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.

~ 3:00 PM: Meeting Adjourned

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 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.
- 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. In case of meeting interruption due to technical difficulties, please visit the Delta ISB's [meetings web page](#) for additional information. A recording will be available after the event.
- 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.
- Note that the Delta Stewardship Council, which provides staff services to the Delta ISB, is under ex parte communication restrictions with regard to the 2024-2026 Proposed Geotechnical Activities, and cannot discuss the project or issues related to the appeal of the Proposed Geotechnical Activities with anyone outside of the Council, which includes the Delta ISB. The Delta ISB is independent of the Council and is not under ex parte restrictions, except as the restriction is applicable to communications with Council staff or Council members.