



Delta Independent Science Board

DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

715 P Street, 15-300
Sacramento, California 95814
<https://deltacouncil.ca.gov>
(916) 445-5511

Posted Date: May 5, 2025

Meeting Notice of Delta Independent Science Board

May 15, 2025

9:00 AM to 4:30 PM PT

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

Location

Lake Natoma Inn
Placer/Natoma Room
702 Gold Lake Drive
Folsom, CA 95630

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__JtneScFTAe_yXXpX0g7yg.

After registering, an email will be sent to the email address provided with instructions on how 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.

In the event of technical difficulties with access via Zoom, please listen in by phone using the number 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.

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, May 14, 2025.

Archived Webcast

The meeting will be archived via [Admin Monitor](https://california.adminmonitor.com/delta):
<https://california.adminmonitor.com/delta>

Meeting Materials

This notice and the materials referenced in it 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 May 15, 2025, the Delta ISB will meet at the Lake Natoma Inn in Folsom, California to discuss its reviews and activities. This will include a discussion on the summary of select literature to inform the Delta ISB's upcoming climate symposium, and on any public comments received on its [draft contaminants monitoring review prospectus](#), which are due on May 12, 2025 to disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov. In addition, the meeting will feature an update on the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program by the California Department of Water Resources, and an overview of the recently released [Golden Mussel Response Framework](#) by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

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's Chair's Report and Business Matters

3. Presentation: Update on the Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program by the California Department of Water Resources

The Agreements to support [Healthy Rivers and Landscapes](#) provide commitments for environmental flows and habitat restoration across the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay-Delta watershed. The Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program is a proposal comprised of environmental flows and habitat restoration, and is currently under consideration for incorporation into the State Water Resources Control Board's update to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan (Bay-Delta Plan). A major component of the agreements is a comprehensive science program, guided by a Science Committee, that ensures strategic monitoring, research, and reporting to inform adaptive management of the flow and habitat commitments during the term of the proposed 8-year program. As indicated in the [MOU](#) for the agreements, the Delta ISB is listed as providing review and input on the scientific rationale for continuing or modifying the agreements in year 8 if the agreements are adopted to update and implement the Bay-Delta Plan by the State Water Resources Control Board. Dr. Louise Conrad, Dr. Erik Loboschefskey, and Pascale Goertler of the California Department of Water Resources will provide an update on the program, including the [Draft Strategic Plan](#), [Draft Governance Program](#), and [Draft Science Plan](#).

4. Presentation: Overview of the Golden Mussel Framework by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife

The golden mussel, an invasive, non-native freshwater/brackish bivalve, was discovered in fall 2024 in the Sacramento - San Joaquin Delta. Since then, the Delta ISB has been staying informed on the monitoring and response to the discovery and offering any advice or science review that could help with the response given the Delta ISB's work with the [2021 non-native species review](#). Past presentations to the Delta ISB include an overview of the golden mussel's potential impact (see [summary](#)) and an overview of ballast water regulations (see [summary](#)). At this meeting, Martha Volkoff of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife will provide an overview of the recently released [Golden Mussel Response Framework](#).

~ 12:00 PM: 1.5-hour Lunch Break

~ 1:30 PM: Reconvene Meeting

5. Discussion: Contaminants Monitoring Review

The Delta ISB is proposing a review to assess current contaminant monitoring programs in the Delta and is seeking feedback on its [draft prospectus](#). Public comments are due on May 12, 2025, to disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov. The Delta ISB will discuss any public comments received.

6. Delta Lead Scientist Report

Delta Lead Scientist Dr. Lisamarie Windham-Myers will update the Delta ISB on advances in science relevant to the Delta and on Delta Science Program activities. This includes: (1) a [recent article](#) on how particulate organic carbon scarcity exacerbates the vulnerability of the Delta ecosystem, (2) the recently released 2025 edition of [State of Bay-Delta Science](#) focused on extreme heats, (3) the [2023 Adaptive Management Forum Summary](#), and (4) a report out of the UC Davis Coastal and Marine Sciences Institute and the Delta Science Program's [symposium](#) on May 9 exploring the impacts of microplastics on aquatic ecosystems.

7. Discussion: Reflections on the California Water and Environmental Modeling Forum Meeting

Delta ISB members who attended will reflect on what they learned at the California Water and Environmental Modeling Forum's annual meeting from May 12 to May 14, 2025.

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

The Delta ISB plans to organize and host a public symposium on the current state of climate science and how organizations in the region are considering climate change. The Delta ISB will discuss symposium planning and a summary of select literature to help inform the symposium. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on next steps on the summary of select literature.

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 summarize any follow-up items for individual members to address

after the meeting.

~ 4:30 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 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 Clerk of the Board 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.