Delta Independent Science Board
DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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Meeting Notice of the Delta Independent Science Board (Delta Tour)

Meeting Dates: November 17-18, 2026

Day 1: Tuesday, November 17, 2026
See Separate Day 1 Notice

Day 2: Wednesday, November 18, 2026
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM PT (in-person Delta Tour)

This notice is for **Day 2 (November 18, 2026)** of a two-day Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB) meeting. **For information on Day 1 of the meeting, please refer to the November 17, 2026, meeting notice.**

Tour Starting Location

Meet at the Parking Area Overflow at Bouldin Island (see map for directions). There is no set address. You can access the parking overflow off Highway 12:

Exit Highway 12 from Lodi, CA
Exit Highway 12 from Rio Vista, CA

Health and Safety

All attendees must wear closed-toed shoes and long pants for health and safety. At Georgiana Slough, you will be required to wear a hard hat, which will be provided, but you can bring your own.

Some of the roads on the tour are a combination of dirt and gravel. A standard 2WD (Two-Wheel Drive) vehicle will work.

There are a total of three stops on this tour. If you are joining a stop late and need help finding the group, please text or call 916-607-6328.

Reasonable accommodations will be provided. If you need reasonable accommodations, please contact disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov.

Public Comments

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

Webcast

This meeting is in-person only and will not be webcast or recorded.

Meeting Materials

This notice and the materials referenced in it are available on the Delta ISB's meetings web page 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 November 18, 2026 at 9:00 am, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) will lead a tour of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for the Delta ISB, highlighting: (1) examples of solutions to address issues in the Delta that span the spectrum from predominantly nature-based to highly engineered approaches, and (2) the integrated, collaborative science and monitoring efforts conducted by the USGS California Water Science Center, in partnership with other organizations, to support the design, implementation, and evaluation of these solutions. This tour is intended to inform the Delta ISB's nature-based solutions review and will also feature speakers from the California Department of Water Resources and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Tour stops will include:

- Bouldin Island Delta Smelt Supplementation Program
- Sherman Island Wetland Restoration
- Georgiana Slough Bio-Acoustic Fish Fence

To help with planning, please email disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov **by 9 am on Monday, November 16, 2026,** if you plan to attend the tour. 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. No refreshments or water will be provided at any time during the tour.

This Purpose section describes the highlights. For more information about the meeting, refer to the agenda below. All times listed in the agenda are approximate.

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: Resume meeting and tour start at Bouldin Island

Meet at the Parking Area Overflow at Bouldin Island (see map for directions). There is no set address. You can access the parking overflow off Highway 12:

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- Exit Highway 12 from Rio Vista, CA

1. Welcome Back and Roll Call

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

3. Bouldin Island Delta Smelt Supplementation Program Tour
   Matt Nobriga of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service will provide an overview of the Delta Smelt Supplementation Program, which is looking at managed wetland impoundments and ponds on Bouldin Island to test how hatchery-raised Delta smelt perform in more natural, semi-wild environments before being released. The goal of releasing hatchery-raised Delta smelt is to bolster the threatened fish's wild population.

~11:00 AM: Lunch Break and Depart to Sherman Island

~ 12:00 PM: Reconvene Tour at Sherman Island

The tour will start at the intersection between Sherman Island Cross Rd & Victory Hwy in Rio Vista, California 94571. See map for directions to Sherman Island.

4. Sherman Island Wetland Restoration Tour
   The Delta ISB will tour the Sherman Island Whale's Mouth Wetland Restoration, where USGS California Water Science Center researchers will describe ongoing research around aquatic productivity, Delta island land

management, tidal wetland restoration, and open-water processes such as harmful algal blooms.

~ 1:30 PM: Depart Sherman Island to the Georgiana Slough Bio-Acoustic Fish Fence

~ 2:00 PM: Reconvene Tour at the Georgiana Slough Bio-Acoustic Fish Fence
Please see the map for the directions to the meeting spot at the **Georgiana Slough Bio-Acoustic Fish Fence.** There is no set address.

5. Georgiana Slough Bio-Acoustic Fish Fence
   Mohammed (Shahid) Anwar and other staff from the California Department of Water Resources will provide an overview of the Bio-Acoustic Fish Fence, a non-physical behavioral barrier installed at the junction of the Sacramento River and Georgiana Slough near Walnut Grove in the Delta. The barrier is primarily designed to deter juvenile Chinook salmon from straying into Georgiana Slough, where survival is lower.

~ 4:00 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 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).
- Note that the Delta Stewardship Council, which provides staff services to the Delta ISB, is under ex parte communication restrictions with regard to the Delta Conveyance Project, and cannot discuss the project or issues related to the appeal of the Delta Conveyance Project 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.