Delta Independent Science Board
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Meeting Notice of the Delta Independent Science Board

Meeting Dates: November 17-18, 2026

Day 1: Tuesday, November 17, 2026
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM PT

Day 1 Location
United States Geological Survey
West Sacramento Projects Office Facility
3115 Ramco Street, Suite 180
West Sacramento, CA 95691

Day 2: Wednesday, November 18, 2026
Delta Tour: See Separate Day 2 Notice

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

Day 1 of the meeting will consist of two sessions:

1) **An in-person only tour of the West Sacramento Projects Office Facility, with no remote option.** Reasonable accommodations will be provided. If you need reasonable accommodations, please contact disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov.

2) **A hybrid-remote meeting with an in-person quorum and a remote attendance Zoom option.** Some members may attend remotely by Zoom. A quorum will be present at the location listed below (Gov. Code Section 11123.2).

Public Comment

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

Remote Participation Option

The morning tour of the West Sacramento Projects Office Facility is in-person only, with no remote option. The remote Zoom option is for the rest of the meeting.

To participate remotely via Zoom, please provide a Zoom name and email address at https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_n1OzpFAjTYyFGj4noIyAJg. 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.

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

Phone Only Option (available for both morning and afternoon sessions)

If you need a phone-only option, please call the Clerk of the Board at 916-902-6571 by 8:00 AM on Tuesday, November 17, 2026.

Archived Webcast

The tour will not be recorded or webcast. The webcast of the remainder of the meeting will be archived on:

AdminMonitor: https://california.adminmonitor.com/DISB
Council's YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/@DeltaCouncil

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Meeting Materials

This notice and materials referenced in this notice 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 Day 1 of the meeting on **November 17, 2026, at 9:00 am,** the Delta ISB will meet at the United States Geological Survey's (USGS) West Sacramento Projects Office Facility to discuss its reviews and activities. The meeting will start with a morning tour of the West Sacramento Projects Office Facility, which is in-person only.

The rest of the meeting will be a remote meeting with an in-person quorum and public participation option. It will include a panel on recent research and reviews on nature-based solutions that are relevant to the Delta ISB's review. In addition, the Delta ISB will discuss any public comments received on its draft prospectus for its nature-based solutions review, which should be submitted to disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov by 11:59 pm on Tuesday, November 10, 2026.

On Day 2 of the meeting on **November 18, 2026, at 9:00 am**, the Delta ISB will tour the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The Delta tour is organized by the USGS, and will feature stops at Bouldin Island, Sherman Island, and Georgiana Slough (see the separate November 18, 2026, meeting notice).

For full 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

~ 9:15 AM: Tour of the West Sacramento Projects Office Facility begins

2. Tour: West Sacramento Projects Office Facility

   Dr. Anke Mueller-Solger, the Director of the USGS California Water Science Center, will welcome the Delta ISB to the USGS West Sacramento Projects Office Facility and provide an overview of the facility and Delta tour to be held on the following day. The teams based at the West Sacramento facility work closely with numerous partners to support monitoring networks and

scientific studies across the Bay-Delta, Central Valley, and beyond. After opening remarks, the Delta ISB will tour the facility with USGS staff, including Fred Feyrer and Dr. Keith Bouma-Gregson.

The facility includes a wet lab for processing biological samples, a water quality prep lab, an electronics testing lab, a machine shop, and office space for analytical and research activities. The facility is scaled for large, multi-year field operations and the tour will provide an opportunity to observe these spaces.

Note that opening remarks will be webcast and recorded, but the tour is in-person only, with no remote option, and will not be webcast or recorded.

~ 10:45 AM: Tour ends and hybrid-remote session of the meeting begins

3. Nature-based Solutions Panel #3: Recent Research and Reviews in the Bay-Delta

   Over the coming months, the Delta ISB will host a series of panels to explore nature-based solutions, including their associated challenges, opportunities, and information needs. These discussions will help inform a potential Delta ISB review that is relevant and valuable to the Delta community. The third panel, taking place at this meeting, will focus on recent reviews and research in the region that were identified in the draft prospectus for the nature-based solutions review. The panel's purpose is to learn from existing efforts and explore how a Delta ISB review can build upon and complement the work already completed.

   Panelists will include:

Panelists	Topic
Dylan Chapple, Ph.D. Adaptive Management Program Manager, Delta Stewardship Council	A Review of Restoration in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh
Kyra Gmoser-Daskalakis, Ph.D. Postdoctoral Researcher, Utrecht University	Diagnosing Barriers to California Bay-Delta Wetland Restoration

Panelists	Topic
	Implementation: Extending the Adaptation Perspective Bay-Delta Wetland Restoration Investment Networks
Xoco Shinbrot, Ph.D. Senior Environmental Scientist, Delta Stewardship Council	How multi-benefit projects benefit and burden human communities
Cherrie Zheng PhD Candidate, Stanford University	Practitioner perspectives on equity in carbon credit projects in the Delta
Julie Gonzalez, Ph.D. Research Biologist, Smithsonian Environmental Research Center	San Francisco Bay Regional Science Consortium

~ 12:30 PM: 1 Hour and 15 Minute Lunch Break

~ 1:45 PM: Reconvene Meeting

4. Delta ISB Chair Report and Business Matters

   Delta ISB Chair Dr. Diane McKnight will provide an update on the Delta ISB's activities, public correspondence received since the last meeting, and other relevant announcements.

5. Discussion: Nature-based Solutions Review

   The Delta ISB will debrief on what was learned at the panel and discuss any comments on the draft prospectus for its upcoming nature-based solutions review. Comments are due by email to disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov at 11:59 pm on November 10, 2026. This review will examine why and when projects choose to use nature-based solutions, how their performance is evaluated, and highlight partnerships and innovations in science and engineering that could inform and support others pursuing similar efforts.

6. Delta Stewardship Council Chair and Executive Officer Report

   The Delta Stewardship Council will provide an overview of current Council activities. This will include a report on the recent Delta Plan Interagency

Implementation Committee Restoration Subcommittee meeting, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Report for California's 5th Climate Change Assessment, and the State Water Resources Control Board's recent adoption of the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Watershed.

7. Discussion: Scoping a Review of Harmful Algal Blooms

   The Delta ISB will discuss the scope of a potential review on harmful algal blooms. To help inform the discussion, individual members who attended the 13th U.S. Symposium on Harmful Algae in Iowa from October 25 to 29, 2026, will share highlights that may inform ideas for a review scope.

8. Discussion and Potential Action: Emerging Climate Science Symposium Highlights (Action Item)

   The Delta ISB hosted a hybrid symposium as part of its public meeting in September 2025 at UC Davis, which brought together over 250 scientists, practitioners, and decision-makers to assess the latest climate science and its implications for the Delta. The Delta ISB will discuss a revised draft summary of key highlights from the symposium and may take action on next steps to finalize the summary.

   Recordings of the Emerging Climate Science Symposium can be found on the Council's YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqTHCliW1Hhp5SLOlOI56o4BkQVqOEwuL

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 and Review of Items for Follow-up

    Staff will provide an overview of upcoming meetings and a summary of any follow-up items for individual members to address after the meeting.

~ 5:00 PM: Meeting Recessed. The meeting will reconvene the following day (November 18, 2026) at Bouldin Island at approximately 9:00 AM. For more information, please refer to the **November 18, 2026, 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 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 with an opportunity to address the Delta ISB on each agenda item except for 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 comment (Government Code Sections 11125.7).
- To make an oral public comment in-person, please complete a blue card that is available near the entrance of the meeting location and provide it to the Clerk of the Board at the meeting location. The Clerk of the Board will also have a blue cards available when on the tour.
- If you are on the Zoom webcast or on the phone and would like to provide oral public comment during the meeting, 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 comment, please email the meeting clerk at disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov with the message that should be read to the Delta ISB, specifying which agenda item.
    - The meeting will not be paused or adjourned in case of technical difficulties with the webcast recording. 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.
- 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.