

# Science for Communities Workshop Agenda

San Joaquin Delta College  
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**Delta  
Stewardship  
Council**

A CALIFORNIA STATE AGENCY

10:00am–6:00pm **Networking Hall – Will be concurrent throughout presentations**

*Science for Communities is centered around connecting community-based organizations with research scientists to explore social-environmental issues that impact communities. Community Partners work closely with the community and want to promote awareness, promote access to information, and continue ongoing research concerning community challenges. Science Partners want to better understand community challenges and work toward addressing these issues using resources allotted in their position, as well as offer technical resources, tools, and data that may benefit communities.*

*Community Partners and Science Partners will be available to network at specified time slots, along with other organizations tabling throughout the event. Time slots for Community Partners are listed at the end of the agenda. This time will be held for networking.*

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- 10:00–10:05 **Welcome: Science for Communities Opening**  
*A Delta Stewardship Council staff member will welcome everyone, introduce the purpose and agenda, and explain the networking hall concept.*  
**Presenter:** Megan Thomson, Delta Stewardship Council
- 10:05–10:20 **Keynote: Delta Stewardship Council Chair Julie Lee**  
*The Council Chair will open and discuss the importance of community partnerships, current events, other efforts, and conduct land acknowledgments for the region.*  
**Presenter:** Julie Lee, Council Chair
- 10:20–11:05 **Panel Discussion: Youth Organizers Curriculum and Environmental Literacy in Diverse Audiences**  
**Moderators:** Alexandra Stella, California Sea Grant State Fellow; Megan Thomson, Delta Stewardship Council  
*Identify suggestions to improve the Youth Organizers curriculum by focusing on existing opportunities to help program participants tap into their own personal network to improve environmental literacy in diverse audiences.*  
**Panelists:**  
**Community Partners:**  
Gloria Alonso, Little Manila Rising  
Charis Guerzo, Little Manila Rising  
**Science Partners:**  
Tyler Anthony, Department of Water Resources  
Brian Moore, State Air Resources Board  
Adina Paytan, UC Santa Cruz  
Richelle Tanner, Chapman University
- 11:05–11:20 **Break**

11:20–12:05 **Panel Discussion: Staying Informed on Harmful Algal Blooms**

**Moderators:** Dane Whicker, California Sea Grant State Fellow;  
Megan Thomson, Delta Stewardship Council

*Recognizing the indicators and signs of harmful algal blooms and informing tangible actions that Tribes and Delta communities can take to stay safe.*

**Panelists:**

**Community Partners:**

Spencer Fern, Restore the Delta

Zach Gigone, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians

**Science Partners:**

Shawn Acuña, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Helen Fitanides, Sierra Streams Institute

Meredith Howard, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Valeria La Saponara, UC Davis

Xoco Shinbrot, Delta Science Program

12:05–1:35 **Lunch Break**

*A partial list of nearby restaurants is provided at the end of this agenda. Participants who finish lunch early are also encouraged to visit the networking hall.*

1:35–2:20 **Panel Discussion: Safe Fish Consumption**

**Moderator:** Megan Thomson, Delta Stewardship Council

*Guidance for the safe consumption of wild fish and discussing the impacts of contaminants on Tribes and the community.*

**Panelists:**

**Community Partners:**

Sherri Norris, California Indian Environmental Alliance

Michelle Rivera, California Indian Environmental Alliance

Joel Sedano, California Indian Environmental Alliance

**Science Partners:**

Steve Blumenshine, CSU-WATER

Viviana Garcia, Environmental Consultant/ Founder of SanaRem

Anna Holder, State Water Resources Control Board  
Stephen Monismith, Stanford University  
Wes Smith, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

2:20–3:05

**Panel Discussion: Emergency Housing During Flooding**

**Moderator:** Hannah Chaney, Delta Stewardship Council

*Discussing the amount of emergency housing available in Delta legacy communities impacted by flooding.*

**Panelists:**

**Community Partner:**

Bob Erlenbusch, Sacramento Coalition to End Homelessness

**Science Partners:**

Virginia Gardiner, Delta Protection Commission

Anthony Linarez, Department of Water Resources

Khalid Osman, Stanford University

Kathleen Schaefer, UC Davis

3:05–3:15

**Break**

3:15–4:30

**Funding Sources Series**

3:15–3:50

**Delta Science Program, Science Funding Processes**

**Moderator:** Rachael Klopfenstein, Delta Science Program

*As part of its mission to provide the best possible scientific information to inform decision-making, the Council's Delta Science Program funds research and fellowship opportunities. All funded research is required to address priority topics identified in the Science Action Agenda, which recognizes that addressing complex management needs in the Delta requires integration across social and biophysical disciplines, geographic boundaries, and topics.*

**Presenter:** Dylan Stern, Delta Science Program

3:50–4:25

### **Strategic Growth Council, Technical Assistance Programs**

**Moderator:** Rachael Klopfenstein, Delta Science Program

*The Strategic Growth Council is focused on capacity building and technical assistance work with communities to get project ideas off the ground and acquire funding to provide technical assistance, tailored to each individual's needs. Discussing lessons learned through the application process, partnership agreements, templates, and grant reviews for community researchers, scientists, and grant researchers.*

**Presenter:** Blanca Escobedo, Strategic Growth Council, and a representative from the San Joaquin Regional Climate Collaborative

4:25–4:40

### **Closing Remarks and Acknowledgements**

Jeff Henderson, Delta Stewardship Council

4:40–6:00

### **Networking Hall – Will be concurrent through presentations**

*This time will be held for networking. Each Community Partner's table times are listed below. Other organizations not listed below will also be tabling at the event.*

Community Partners Tabling



**Little Manila Rising**

**Network Table Time:** 11:20-11:50



**California Indian Environmental Alliance**

**Network Table Time:** 11:20-11:50



**Restore the Delta**

**Network Table Time:** 1:35-2:05



**Sacramento Regional Coalition to End Homelessness**

**Network Table Time:** 1:35-2:05

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Restaurant Options in the Area

**Ahipoki**  
(0.4 mi)



4932 Pacific Ave Unit B  
Stockton CA 95207

**Buffalo Wild Wings**  
(0.4 mi)



4751 Pacific Ave  
Stockton CA 95207

**Chipotle**  
(0.4 mi)



4940 Pacific Ave  
Stockton CA 95207

**Panda Express**  
(0.4 mi)



5350 Pacific Ave Unit J1  
Stockton CA 95207

**Boudin SF**  
(0.3 mi)



5615 Pacific Ave  
Stockton CA 95207

**Five Guys**  
(0.4 mi)



5633 Pacific Ave  
Stockton CA 95207

## Workshop Planning Committee

### **Co-Chairs:**

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