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

Day 1, Wednesday, June 14, 2023  
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Day 2, Thursday, June 15, 2023  
8:00 AM to 5:30 PM (Delta Boat Tour)

[Please see separate notice with details](#)

### **Meeting Location**

California Natural Resources Agency  
715 P Street, Room 2-302  
Sacramento, CA 95814

*(Parking information is at the end of the notice)*

For the health and safety of everyone attending this meeting, masks and physical distancing are strongly recommended.

### **Public Comments**

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

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### **Webcast**

The June 14 meeting will be webcast and recorded. To join the webcast, please register before the meeting via [Zoom](#):

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_k3Tm3FehQBOQTQVZoTQT3w](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_k3Tm3FehQBOQTQVZoTQT3w)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email 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.

### **Other Remote Options**

If you need a phone-only option, please call the meeting clerk at 916-902-6571 by 8:00 AM on Wednesday, June 14, 2023.

If you prefer a view-only option that does not require registration, the meeting will also be webcast on [Cal-SPAN](https://cal-span.org/static/index.php): <https://cal-span.org/static/index.php>. With this option, you will not be able to provide oral comments.

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### **Meeting Materials**

Materials referenced in this notice are available on the Delta Independent Science Board's (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.

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### **Purpose**

The Delta ISB will meet on June 14 (California Natural Resources Agency building) and June 15 (boat tour). On June 14, the Delta ISB will meet to discuss its reviews and activities. This will include discussing public comments received on its draft prospectuses for its reviews and revisions to the draft prospectuses to address public comments. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on next steps to finalize the prospectus for the food-webs and subsidence reviews.

**From ~10:20 AM-12:00 PM**, the Delta ISB will hold an open forum for the public to provide feedback to help inform the scope and purpose of the upcoming food-webs workshop. At the meeting, members of the public will be able to provide a response (10-minute limit) to [questions \(posted on the Delta ISB webpage\)](#) of their choosing to inform the workshop. Members of the public can also provide written comments before the meeting, which will be distributed to the Delta ISB. If you plan to participate in the open forum, please indicate this on your Zoom registration or by emailing [disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov](mailto:disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov).

**At ~1:00 PM**, the Delta ISB will continue its seminar series on decision-making under deep uncertainty. **Robert Lempert**, principal researcher at the RAND Corporation and director of the Frederick S. Pardee Center for Longer Range Global Policy and the Future Human Condition, will present examples of successful applications of tools for decision-making under deep uncertainty. **Andrew Schwarz**, the State Water Project climate action coordinator for the CA Department of Water Resources, will present on his department's use of decision-making under deep uncertainty.

The meeting will adjourn until June 15 for a Delta boat tour. For more information on the tour, please read the [June 15 meeting notice](#).

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. Delta Stewardship Council Report and Executive Officer Report
4. Delta Lead Scientist Recruitment

Pursuant to the Delta Reform Act, the Council consults with the Delta ISB on the appointment of the Delta lead scientist (California Water Code Section 85280(b)). The Delta ISB will discuss next steps regarding the recruitment of the next Delta lead scientist whose term will begin in summer 2024.

5. Discussion and Potential Action: Food-webs Review (**Action Item**)

Public comments for the Delta ISB's [draft prospectus](#) for its food-webs review were due on May 31, 2023. The Delta ISB will discuss [public comments](#) received and revising the prospectus to address public comments. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on next steps to finalize the prospectus.

6. Open Forum: Food-webs Workshop (**starts at ~10:20 am**)

As described in the [draft prospectus](#), the Delta ISB will host a two-day workshop later in the year to help inform its food-webs review. At the meeting, members of the public will be able to provide a response (10-minute limit) to [questions \(posted on the Delta ISB webpage\)](#) of their choosing to inform the workshop. Members of the public can also provide written comments before the meeting, which will be distributed to the Delta

ISB. If you plan to participate in the open forum, please indicate this on your Zoom registration or by emailing [disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov](mailto:disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov).

Before the end of the forum, after public comment, the Delta ISB will debrief on what they heard and identify key themes for the workshop.

**~ 12:00 PM: 1 hour lunch break. Meeting resumes at ~1:00 PM**

7. Seminar: Applications of Decision-making under Deep Uncertainty Tools

The Delta ISB, with support from the Delta Science Program, is hosting a seminar series to explore ideas from decision-making under deep uncertainty and present tools that can help managers and stakeholders evaluate and plan for a range of plausible futures in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The series began on April 26 with guest speaker Alice Hill, the David M. Rubenstein senior fellow for energy and the environment at the Council on Foreign Relations, who provided an overview of the challenges and benefits of planning for extreme events, as well as effective ways to organize government entities around these issues.

At this Delta ISB meeting, in the series' second seminar, **Robert Lempert**, principal researcher at the RAND Corporation and director of the Frederick S. Pardee Center for Longer Range Global Policy and the Future Human Condition, will present examples of successful applications of tools for decision-making under deep uncertainty. **Andrew Schwarz**, the State Water Project climate action coordinator for the California Department of Water Resources, will present on his department's use of decision-making under deep uncertainty. For more information, please refer to the [save-the-date flyer](#).

**~ 2:30 PM: 15-minute break. Meeting resumes at ~2:45 PM**

8. Discussion: Decision-making under Deep Uncertainty Review

The Delta ISB's [draft prospectus](#) for its decision-making under deep uncertainty review is out for public comments, which are due on June 26, 2023, at 5 pm. Comments can be e-mailed to [disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov](mailto:disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov). The Delta ISB will discuss any [public comments](#) received to date and next steps for the review.

9. Discussion and Potential Action: Subsidence Review (**Action Item**)

Public comments for the Delta ISB's [draft prospectus](#) for its subsidence review were due on May 31, 2023. The Delta ISB will discuss [public comments](#) received and revising the prospectus to address public comments. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on next steps to finalize the prospectus.

10. Presentation: "Following the Current from the Sea to the Delta" by Kaira Wallace (California Sea Grant State Fellow)

Kaira Wallace, the current California Sea Grant State Fellow, will provide an overview of her past research, areas of interest, and what she hopes to get out of her work with the Delta ISB.

11. Preparation for Upcoming Delta ISB Meetings

12. Review of Items for Follow-up

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

13. Public Comments

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

**~ 5:00 PM: Recess until the next day, June 15, 2023, at ~8:00 AM (Delta Boat Tour). The meeting will convene at the United States Geological Survey's West Sacramento Office ([see June 15 meeting notice for agenda and details](#)).**

## Contact

- If you have any questions, please contact Edmund Yu at 916-902-6571 or [Edmund.Yu@deltacouncil.ca.gov](mailto:Edmund.Yu@deltacouncil.ca.gov).
- 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 any agenda items except closed session items and those items for which the public has already been afforded such opportunity at an earlier meeting.
  - In addition, comments during the Public Comment period (Agenda

Item 13) 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.
- If you are on the Zoom webcast and would like to provide oral public comments, please email the meeting clerk at [disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov](mailto: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 the message that should be read to the Delta ISB during the agenda item.
  - The Delta ISB is not responsible for unforeseen technical difficulties that may occur. The Delta ISB is under no obligation to postpone or delay its meeting in the event such technical difficulties occur during or before the meeting. 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.

### **Parking Information**

Metered street parking is available on adjacent streets. Paid parking is also available at a state-owned parking garage at 10th and P Streets and a private-owned parking lot at 7th and Q Streets. The closest light rail station is the 8th and O Station.