



Delta Independent Science Board

DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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Meeting Notice of the Delta Independent Science Board

Day 1, Wednesday, June 8, 2022
2:00 PM to 5:00 PM PDT

Day 2, Thursday, June 9, 2022
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM PDT

Day 3, Friday, June 10, 2022
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM PDT (Delta Tour)
[Please see separate notice with details](#)

Meeting Location

Holiday Inn
El Dorado/Diablo Room
300 J Street Sacramento, CA 95814

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

Additional Teleconference Locations

Day 1 Only:
15 Phillips Road
Palo Alto, CA 94303

Day 1 and Day 2:
University of Notre Dame
Room 311D, Cushing Hall,
Notre Dame, IN 46556

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

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https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cQ2dYTy0ScqA9zZCywVzUA

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Note: Accessing the Zoom webcast requires you to enter your name and email, which may be disclosed as public information. The signal for the live feed may be intermittent due to the internet infrastructure at your location.

Other Remote Options

If you need a phone-only option, please call the meeting clerk at 916-902-6571 by 1:00 PM on Wednesday, June 8.

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>. With this option, you will not be able to provide oral comments.

Meeting Materials

Materials referenced in this notice are available on the [events web page](#) at <https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/events.html>. Members of the public are encouraged to visit the events web page to view the meeting materials.

Purpose

On June 8, the Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB) will receive an update from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) on the Delta Conveyance Project. Afterward, the Delta ISB will discuss its preparation and work plan for its future review of the Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Statement for the Delta Conveyance Project when these documents are released. This will include a brief presentation on the Delta Plan best available science framework, a discussion of the approach to the Delta ISB's review, chapter assignments, and any questions or feedback received on what the Delta ISB should consider in its review.

On June 9, the Delta ISB will meet to discuss potential revisions to its operating guidelines, electing a new Chair-elect, outreach and communication of its completed reviews, and future reviews. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action to elect a new Chair-elect from its existing membership.

This Purpose section describes the highlights. For more information about the meeting, refer to the agenda below. The meeting will continue on June 10 with a Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta tour. For more information on the tour, please read the [June 10 meeting notice](#).

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.

Day 1, Wednesday, June 8, 2022

~ 2:00 PM: Meeting Starts

1. Welcome and Declarations
2. Presentation: Delta Conveyance Project Update

Karla Nemeth (DWR Director) and DWR staff will provide an update on the Delta Conveyance Project to help inform the Delta ISB's future review of the Environmental Impact Report, as indicated in the Delta ISB's [April 17, 2020, comment letter](#) on the Notice of Preparation for Delta Conveyance Project.

3. Work Plan Discussion: Delta Conveyance Project Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Statement Review

The Delta ISB will discuss its preparation and work plan for its future review of the Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Statement for the Delta Conveyance Project when these documents are released. This will include a brief presentation on the Delta Plan best available science framework, a discussion of the approach to the Delta ISB's review, chapter assignments, and any questions or feedback received on what the Delta ISB should consider in its review.

4. 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 on June 9, 2022, at ~9:00 AM

Day 2, Thursday, June 9, 2022

~ 9:00 AM: Meeting Starts

5. Welcome Back
6. Delta ISB Chair Report and Business Matters
7. Delta Stewardship Council Report and Executive Officer Report
8. Delta Lead Scientist Report
9. Discussion: Revisions to the Operating Guidelines

The Delta ISB last revised its [operating guidelines](#) in June 2020. At this meeting, the Delta ISB will discuss its operating guidelines and potential revisions. This is a discussion item only. No action will be taken at this meeting to amend the operating guidelines.

10. Election of New Delta ISB Chair-elect (**Action Item**)

Dr. Stephen Brandt's term as Chair concludes on August 31, 2022, and Dr. Lisa Wainger's term as Chair begins on September 1, 2022. The Delta ISB will discuss the election of a new Chair-elect and may take action to elect a new Chair-elect from its existing membership. Once elected, the new Chair-elect's duties will begin on September 1, 2022.

~12:00 PM: Lunch Break. Reconvene at 1:00 PM

11. Discussion: Next Steps on the Current and Completed Reviews

- a. Non-native Species Review
- b. Monitoring Enterprise Review
- c. Water Supply Reliability Estimation Review

The Delta ISB has completed its [non-native species review](#), [monitoring enterprise review](#), and is in the process of finalizing its [water supply reliability estimation review](#). The Delta ISB will discuss next steps and outreach efforts for these reviews.

12. Discussion: Future Reviews

- a. Subsidence Reversal
- b. Food-webs
- c. Environmental Flows and a Resilient Delta
- d. Climate Change Forecasting and Scenario Development Science
- e. Other Topics

The Delta ISB will continue to discuss future reviews, including the topics that emerged as top priorities at its November 15 and 16, 2021, virtual planning retreat meeting, along with new topics.

13. California Sea Grant State Fellow and Delta ISB Postdoctoral Scholar Presentations

- a. Swimming upstream: A Year with the Delta Science Program by Allegra La Ferr, California Sea Grant State Fellow
- b. Out of the Woods and into the Delta by Kristine Grace Cabugao, Delta ISB Postdoctoral Scholar
- c. Anadromous Science: Researching Climate Change from the Ocean to the Delta by Lillian McCormick, Delta ISB Postdoctoral Scholar

Allegra La Ferr, the current California Sea Grant State Fellow, along with Kristine Grace Cabugao and Lillian McCormick, the current Delta ISB postdoctoral scholars, will provide an overview of their past research, interests, and what they hope to get out of their work with the Delta ISB.

14. Overview of Delta ISB Field Tour on June 10

On June 10, Delta ISB will tour the Central Valley Project's Tracy Fish Collection Facility, C.W. "Bill" Jones Pumping Plant, and the Delta Cross Channel, along with the UC Davis Fish Conservation and Culture Laboratory (see [June 10 meeting notice](#) for more information).

15. Preparation for Upcoming Delta ISB Meetings

16. Review of Items for Follow-up

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

17. Public Comments

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~ 5:00 PM: Recess until the next day, June 10, 2022 at ~9:00 AM (Delta Tour; see [meeting notice](#))

Additional Information

- If you have any questions, please contact Edmund Yu at 916-902-6571 or 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.
- 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 4 and 17) 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 and provide your name, organization (if applicable), 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.