



# Delta Independent Science Board

DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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## Meeting Notice of the Delta Independent Science Board

Friday, March 22, 2024  
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM PT

This is a teleconference meeting of the Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB; Government Code Section 11123).

**Delta ISB Board Member teleconference locations are listed at the end of the notice**

### 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 meeting will be webcast and recorded. The webcast may be accessed at [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 public comments.

### Additional Location

California Natural Resources Agency  
715 P Street, Room 2-221  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Staff will be present at this location. The public will be able to address the Board through electronic means from this location.

### Remote Participation Option

To participate remotely via [Zoom](https://zoom.us), please provide a Zoom name and email address at [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Dplg\\_BWwQdaykgXb6l3E1g](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Dplg_BWwQdaykgXb6l3E1g). 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**

If you need a phone-only option, please call the Clerk of the Board at 916-902-6571 by 8:00 AM on Friday, March 22, 2024.

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### **Meeting Materials**

Materials referenced in this notice are available on the 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 to discuss its reviews and activities. This will include a discussion of how Delta ISB comments were addressed in the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Delta Conveyance Project and a discussion of the Draft Delta Cyanobacterial Harmful Algal Blooms Monitoring Strategy, after which the Delta ISB may take action on next steps for submitting comments on the draft monitoring strategy. In addition, the Delta ISB will discuss its draft report on the food-webs review and may take action on next steps for circulating the draft report for a ~60-day public comment period.

The Delta ISB will also meet in closed session, pursuant to California Government Code section 11126(a)(1), to consider the matter of appointment of a Delta lead scientist, and, based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action.

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.

## ~ 10:00 AM: Meeting Starts

1. Welcome and Declarations
2. Delta ISB Chair Report and Business Matters
3. Discussion: Delta Conveyance Project Final Environmental Impact Report Review

The California Department of Water Resources released the [Final Environmental Impact Report](#) for the Delta Conveyance Project on December 8, 2023, and [certified the report](#) on December 21, 2023. The Delta ISB will discuss the Final Environmental Impact Report and the preparation of a memo on how [its comments on the draft Environmental Impact Report](#) were addressed.

4. Discussion and Potential Action: Draft Delta Cyanobacterial Harmful Algal Blooms Monitoring Strategy (**Action Item**)

The Delta Science Program facilitated the development of a [monitoring strategy](#) for Cyanobacterial harmful algal blooms (HABs) in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The draft is the culmination of over two years of work, and the authors are seeking public comments on the document. The 30-day comment period opened on February 27, 2024, and will close at 5:00 PM PT on March 28, 2024. The Delta ISB will discuss the draft monitoring strategy and may take action on next steps for submitting comments on the draft monitoring strategy.

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

The Delta ISB will discuss progress made on its food-webs review ([see prospectus](#)). The review will assess the importance of food-web interactions in the Delta, and identify where improved understanding and tools (e.g., food-web models) might substantially improve predictions of an individual species' response to environmental drivers and management actions. The Delta ISB will discuss its draft report on the food-webs review and may take action on next steps for the circulating the draft report for a ~60-day public comment period.

6. Presentation: Fellowship Reflections - Learning from a sea (or Delta) of information

Kaira Wallace will reflect on her California Sea Grant State Fellowship, where she provided support to Delta ISB on its various reviews, including organizing

a [seminar series](#) on decision-making under deep uncertainty.

**~ 11:55 PM: Adjourn for Closed Session**

**~ 12:00 PM: Closed Session**

7. Closed Session (Personnel Matters): Appointment of the Delta Lead Scientist (**Action Item**) (Not Open to the Public)

The Delta Stewardship Council, in partnership with the United States Geological Survey, is in the process of recruiting the next lead scientist for the Delta Science Program, whose term would begin in summer 2024. The Delta lead scientist is appointed by the Delta Stewardship Council after consultation with the Delta ISB, pursuant to Water Code section 85280(b).

The Delta ISB will meet in closed session to receive an update from representatives of the Delta Lead Scientist Interview Panel (an advisory committee of the Delta ISB) and will discuss the matter of appointment of a Delta lead scientist. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action.

(This closed session is authorized under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (a).)

**~ 12:50 PM: Closed Session Ends**

**~ 12:55 PM: Reconvene Open Session**

8. Reconvene Open Session and Report out on Closed Session

If action is taken in closed session, the Delta ISB will report out on the action taken.

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

11. Review of Items for Follow-up

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

**~ 1:00 PM: Meeting adjourned**

## Contact

- If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk of the Board at 916-902-6571 or [disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov](mailto:disb@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 each agenda item except 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 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 or Delta ISB member at that meeting location.
- If you are on the Zoom webcast or on the phone 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 at [disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov](mailto:disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov) with the message that should be read to the Delta ISB and specify which agenda item.
  - The meeting will not be paused or adjourned in case of technical difficulties with the 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.

## Parking Information

Metered street parking is available on adjacent streets near the California Natural Resources Agency. Paid parking is also available at a state-owned parking garage at [10th and P Streets](#) and a privately owned parking lot at [7th and Q Streets](#). For public transit information, please visit the [Sacramento Regional Transit website](#).

## Delta ISB Member Teleconference Locations

### *Location 1*

Chesapeake Biological Lab  
Parish House  
146 Williams Street  
Solomons, MD 20688

### *Location 2*

Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research,  
450 UCB  
4001 Discovery Drive  
Boulder, CO 80303

### *Location 3*

260 Panama St  
Stanford, CA 94305

### *Location 4*

1380 Lawrence St., Suite 500  
Denver, CO 80204

### *Location 5*

1010 Guard St  
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

### *Location 6*

University of Tennessee  
425B Hesler Hall  
Knoxville, TN 37996

### *Location 7*

1228 Avondale Lane  
West Palm Beach, FL 33409

### *Location 8*

15 Phillips Road  
Palo Alto, CA 94303

### *Location 9*

UC Davis  
Activities and Recreation Center  
One Shields Avenue  
Davis, CA 95616

### *Location 10*

712 Brannock Terrace  
Annapolis, MD 21401.