



Delta Independent Science Board

DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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Meeting Notice of the Delta Independent Science Board

Wednesday, May 22, 2024
10:00 AM to 2:00 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.

Remote Participation Option

To participate remotely via [Zoom](#), please provide a Zoom name and email address at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_W5ESBZNoTR29Uy_ItpRi6w.

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.

Webcast

The meeting will be webcast and recorded. The webcast may be accessed at [Cal-SPAN](#): <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 2-301
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.

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 Wednesday, May 22, 2024.

Meeting Materials

This notice and 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.

Purpose

The Delta ISB will meet to discuss its reviews and activities. This will include a discussion on any public comments received on its draft review, "[Exploring scientific and management implications of upper trophic level food webs in the Delta](#)." Public comments are due on June 7, 2024, to disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov and the meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to provide oral public comments.

In addition, the Delta Stewardship Council staff will present its [draft five-year review](#) of the Delta Plan to evaluate progress in implementing its policies, recommendations, and performance measures to the Delta ISB for discussion. Based on the presentation, the Delta ISB may take action on whether to submit written comments during the public comment period.

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. Presentation and Potential Action: Draft Delta Plan Five-year Review Report with Performance Measures Report Cards (**Action Item**)

The Delta Stewardship Council is in the process of conducting another [five-year review](#) of the Delta Plan to evaluate progress in implementing its policies, recommendations, and performance measures and is now seeking public input on the findings and recommendations, which are due June 10, 2024. Delta Stewardship Council staff will present and discuss the draft review with the Delta ISB. Based on the presentation, the Delta ISB may take action on whether to submit written comments during the public comment period.

5. Presentation: Draft Delta Adapts Adaptation Plan Update

Delta Stewardship Council staff will provide an update on the draft Delta Adapts Adaptation Plan. The Council embarked on its climate initiative, Delta Adapts, in 2018. Delta Adapts consists of two parts: (1) a climate change [Vulnerability Assessment](#) for the Delta and Suisun Marsh, and (2) an Adaptation Plan (formerly referred to as the Adaptation Strategy) detailing strategies and actions to adapt and respond to the identified vulnerabilities. It takes a comprehensive, regional approach to climate resiliency that cuts across regional boundaries with a focus on collaboration across state, local, and regional levels.

6. Discussion: Food-webs Review

The Delta Independent Science Board is seeking input on its draft review, ["Exploring scientific and management implications of upper trophic level](#)

[food webs in the Delta.](#)” The draft was based on a review of the literature on the subject, public comments on the prospectus and at Delta ISB meetings, and a focused two-day workshop. The goal of this review is to provide information that would help organizations, including state and federal agencies, assess how to better incorporate and advance food web knowledge in managing the Delta’s ecosystems and to identify what tools are available or should be developed. Public comments are due on **June 7, 2024**, via email to disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov. The Delta ISB will discuss any public comments received to date and will provide an opportunity for the public to provide oral public comments at the meeting.

7. Discussion: Interagency Ecological Program Workshop Reflections (**Action Item**)

The 2024 annual Interagency Ecological Program (IEP) Workshop was held from April 23 to 25, 2024. This workshop provided a venue for sharing new research results that advance science important to IEP and the larger Delta science community. Those who attended will share highlights and reflect on the workshop. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on the reflections, such as submitting a letter on its reflections to the organizing team.

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

The Delta ISB will discuss progress made on its subsidence review ([see prospectus](#)). This review will synthesize and evaluate the state of science related to subsidence management in order to provide recommendations to inform and guide ongoing and future subsidence management. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on next steps for completing the review.

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.

~ 2:00 PM: Meeting adjourned

Contact

- If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk of the Board at 916-902-6571, via email at disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov, or visiting 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 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 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 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.

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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

Only available after 12 pm PT

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

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Sacramento, California 95814

Location 10

712 Brannock Terrace
Annapolis, MD 21401.