



## INFORMATION ITEM

### Lead Scientist Report

### Summary

The Delta Lead Scientist will provide an overview of upcoming Delta Science program activities, such as the 2025 Delta Science Plan Workshop and the upcoming Microplastics Symposium. Additionally, she will provide an overview of the By the Numbers report.

### On Your Radar

#### 2025 Delta Science Plan Workshop

The Delta Science Program is hosting a 2-day hybrid workshop February 20-21, 2025, to solicit feedback from the community regarding the 2025 update to the Delta Science Plan. The Delta Science Plan, called for in the Delta Plan, is a five-year planning document that provides vision, principles, and approaches for coordinating Delta science and communicating the outcomes and management implications of such activities. This 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Delta Science Plan will be centered around the *Grand Challenges in Delta Science*. The proposed 2025 Delta Science Plan update was presented to the Council at its November 21, 2024, meeting. The Grand Challenges will serve as a starting point for conversation among Delta scientists, communities, and decision-makers. The workshop will feature talks on the Grand Challenges followed by breakout discussions on tools and strategies to address the grand challenges. Registration is required and now open.

<https://deltascienceplan.deltacouncil.ca.gov/>

#### Microplastics Symposium – May 9, 2025

The Delta Science Program and UC Davis Coastal and Marine Sciences Institute (CMSI) will co-host a symposium on May 9, 2025, to explore ecotoxicity of microplastics and related contaminants. The hybrid event will be held at the International Center on the UC Davis Campus and Zoom. More information, including registration and a detailed agenda, will be available in early 2025.

## By the Numbers

Science Program staff will summarize current numbers related to Delta water and environmental management. The summary (Attachment 1) will inform the Council of recent counts, measurements, and monitoring figures driving water and environmental management issues.

## List of Attachments

*Attachment 1: By the Numbers*

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