

Meeting Notice



**Delta
Stewardship
Council**

A CALIFORNIA STATE AGENCY

Meeting Date & Time

Thursday, May 25, 2023

9:00 AM

Location

Pursuant to Government Code section 11133, the members of the Delta Stewardship Council (Council) will be participating remotely from teleconferencing locations, and members of the public seeking to observe and address the Council will be able to do so using the telephonic or electronic public access information listed in this agenda. Instructions for attending remotely are below.

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This meeting notice was posted online on May 18, 2023.

Agenda Items

The agenda items listed below may be considered in a different order pursuant to the chair's determination. Any times listed on the agenda are approximate. At the discretion of the Council, all items appearing on this agenda, whether expressly listed as action items, may be deliberated upon and may be subject to action. Instructions for providing public comment are available at the end of this notice. Public comments may be limited to three minutes per person, per agenda item. Visit the [Council meetings web page \(deltacouncil.ca.gov/council-meetings\)](https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/council-meetings) for any updates to the meeting notice/agenda.

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call – Establish a Quorum

3. Public Comment

At this time, members of the public may comment on any topic within the jurisdiction of the Council that is not listed on the agenda.

4. Consent Calendar (Action Item)

Items for the consent calendar are expected to be routine and non-controversial. The Council will be asked to approve all items on the consent calendar without discussion. If any councilmember requests that an item be removed from the consent calendar, it will be removed. Removed items may be taken up either immediately after the consent agenda or placed later in the agenda at the chair's discretion.

A) Adoption of April 27, 2023, Meeting Summary

5. Chair's Report (Information Item)

6. Executive Officer's Report

The Executive Officer will provide an update on the Council's activities and provide the Council with updates on outgoing correspondence, the Outreach Highlights Report, the Active Projects List, Quarterly Contract Report, and other relevant documents.

A) Legal Update (Information Item)

B) Legislative Update (Action Item)

The Council may discuss current legislation that could affect the Council and/or implementation of the Delta Plan and may take action to express support, opposition, or seek to amend any of the bills listed in the monthly legislative report.

7. Lead Scientist's Report (Information Item)

Delta Lead Scientist Dr. Laurel Larsen will update the Council on Delta Science Program activities. The Lead Scientist Report provides the Council with unbiased advice on matters of scientific importance in the Delta. In addition, the monthly report offers an opportunity to discuss relevant advances in science impacting the Delta and highlights Delta Science Program activities.

8. Possible Appointment of the Delta Lead Scientist (Action Item)

The Council appoints the Delta Lead Scientist for the Delta Science Program after consultation with the Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB). (Wat. Code, § 85280(b).) The Delta ISB recommends and asks that the Council consider the reappointment of Dr. Laurel Larsen, the current Delta Lead Scientist, for a second term. Dr. Larsen's current term concludes in August 2023.

9. Consideration and Possible Approval of a Contract with the Regents of the University of California San Diego (UCSD), California Sea Grant (Sea Grant), for the Delta Science Program 2023/2024 Delta Research Proposal Solicitation (Resolution No. 2023-04) (Action Item)

Council staff recommend and request approval of Resolution No. 2023-04 to enter into a new contract with UCSD, Sea Grant to facilitate and potentially administer the 2023/2024 Delta Research Proposal Solicitation. The proposed contract would be for an initial five-year term, with a potential for an up to one-year no cost extension, not to exceed the amount of \$7,037,224, including up to \$6,000,000 for awards.

10. Department of Water Resources (DWR) West False River Drought Salinity Barrier Project Update (Information Item)

DWR staff will provide a brief overview of the West False River Drought Salinity Barrier Project's efficacy during the June 2021 – November 2022 installation and its role in adaptively managing water quality conditions in the Delta in the future.

11. Preparation for the Next Council Meeting

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Public Comments

Members of the public will be provided an opportunity to address the Council on any agenda item (except closed session items). Comments during the public comment period will be limited to matters within the Council's jurisdiction. Reasonable time limits may be established for public comments. Your comments are important to each member of the Council and staff.

Members of the public interested in providing comments remotely should either: 1) join the meeting via Zoom and provide their full name used on Zoom and the agenda item they wish to comment on to the Council clerk at engage@deltacouncil.ca.gov; or 2) call (916) 275-6824, provide a name and remain on the line. When called on by the Council Chair, Zoom attendees and telephone callers will be unmuted and able to provide oral comments.

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