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Meeting Notice of the Delta Independent Science Board

Thursday, September 17, 2020
10:40 AM to 12:40 PM PDT

Meeting Location

Remote access only; No public location

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order N-25-20 issued on March 12, 2020, and the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020, the Delta Stewardship Council will continue to provide opportunities for remote participation by Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB) members, staff, and the public with prudent measures to reduce community transmission of COVID-19.

Members of the public may observe the meeting via the webcast outlined below. If you have an oral public comment during the meeting, 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 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.

Webcast

The meeting will be webcast and will be recorded. To join the webcast, please register before the meeting via [Zoom](#):

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cwwT_6waQ9Ky1YdueDA4gQ

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email 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 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 916-445-0637 by 8:00 AM on Thursday, September 17.

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): <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](https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/events.html) 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

The Delta ISB will meet regarding its current reviews and efforts. This includes a discussion on the Delta ISB's latest draft report: "The Science of Non-native Species in a Dynamic Delta," which was prepared as part of the Delta ISB's responsibility to provide scientific oversight of programs that support adaptive management of the Delta. The Delta ISB will discuss whether the latest draft report adequately addresses public comments. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on next steps and consider approving the content of the report for submittal to the Delta Stewardship Council. As this will be the first meeting of six new members, the Delta ISB will discuss and prepare for future meetings and may take potential action on the frequency of future meetings.

This 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. Times listed on the agenda are approximate only. At the discretion of the Delta ISB, all items appearing on this agenda, whether or not expressly listed for action, may be deliberated upon and may be subject to action.

~ 10:40 AM: Meeting Starts

1. Welcome and Declarations
2. Delta ISB Chair Report and Business Matters
3. Delta Stewardship Council and Delta Science Program Report

The Delta Stewardship Council Chair, Executive Officer and/or Delta Lead Scientist will report on the latest activities of the Delta Stewardship Council and the Delta Science Program that could inform Delta ISB activities or address Delta ISB recommendations.

4. Discussion and Potential Action: Draft Report on the Ecosystems (Non-native Species) Review (**Action Item**)

The Delta ISB is in the process of reviewing the adequacy of the science by various programs to predict and explain the effects of non-native species in Delta ecosystems, and the potential for controlling current and future invaders. On July 20, 2020, the Delta ISB released a draft report: "[The Science of Non-native Species in a Dynamic Delta](#)" for public comments, which were due on August 24, 2020. At the meeting, the Delta ISB will discuss the latest draft report and whether it adequately addresses public comments.

Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on next steps and consider approving the content of the report for submittal to the Delta Stewardship Council. For more information on the scope of the review, please refer to the Delta ISB's [ecosystems review prospectus](#).

5. New Staff Presentation: "Forestry, F-tests, and feminist philosophy: an interdisciplinary journey in conservation ethics" by Dr. Chelsea Batavia

Dr. Batavia, who started with the Delta Science Program in July 2020 and is part of the Delta ISB staff support team, will provide an overview of her past research and background.

6. Delta ISB Updates and Discussion on Current Reviews

a. Water Supply Reliability Review

The Delta ISB is undertaking a review of the scientific efforts and methods by various programs to estimate and evaluate water supply reliability. For more information on the scope of the review, please refer to the Delta ISB's [water supply reliability review prospectus](#).

b. Monitoring Enterprise Review

The Delta ISB is undertaking a broad review of the Delta monitoring enterprise, which is the full suite of monitoring activities that occur in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh. The review has two components. Component 1 is the development of a comprehensive inventory of monitoring activities in the Delta, which is now complete (see [Component 1 summary](#)). Component 2 is the Delta ISB's assessment of the

Delta monitoring enterprise, which will be based on the information obtained in Component 1 and other information gathered by the Delta ISB during its review. For more information on the scope of the review, please refer to the [monitoring enterprise review prospectus](#).

7. Delta ISB Updates and Discussion on Outreach Efforts

a. Interagency Ecological Program Review

The Delta ISB has completed its review on the Interagency Ecological Program's ability to provide the science necessary to support management of the Delta (see [final report](#)). The Delta ISB will discuss recent and current outreach efforts to assist the leadership of the Interagency Ecological Program with implementing the recommendations from the review.

b. Science Needs Assessment

Based on the [recommendations from the Delta ISB](#) and the endorsement of the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee (DPIIC), the Delta Stewardship Council is in the process of developing a long-term Science Needs Assessment, as part of the [Delta Science Funding and Governance Initiative](#).

The Science Needs Assessment will identify key science efforts to provide long-term management insights in the context of rapid environmental change and recommendations for organizing the science enterprise to better address complex and changing problems.

To help inform the Science Needs Assessment, the Delta Stewardship Council, in coordination with DPIIC and the Delta ISB, is hosting a four part-discussion series from April to September 2020, and planning a workshop on October 5 to 6, 2020 (see [save-the-date flyer](#)). In addition, Delta ISB is assessing the implications of rapid environmental change for undertaking research to support management in the Delta and preparing a journal article on the topic, as described in a [recent memorandum](#) to the Delta Stewardship Council and DPIIC. At the meeting, the Delta ISB will discuss progress made on the Science Needs Assessment itself and the journal article.

8. Discussion and Potential Action: Preparation for Upcoming Delta ISB Meetings and Potential Action on the Frequency of Future Meetings (**Action Item**)

As this will be the first meeting of six new members, the Delta ISB will prepare for future meetings and may take potential action on the frequency of future meetings.

9. Review of Items for Follow-up

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

10. Public Comments

The Delta ISB will take public comments on topics within its jurisdiction that are not on the agenda.

~ 12:40 PM: Meeting Adjourned

Additional Information

- If you have any questions, please contact Edmund Yu at 916-445-0637 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, TDD (800) 735-2929.
- 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 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).