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Meeting Notice of the Delta Independent Science Board

Thursday, January 14, 2021
10:30 AM to 12:45 PM PST

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_v-4rmRk2ReqGVOoDawYQCQ

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 9:00 AM on Thursday, January 14.

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.

Curtailment of Delta ISB Activities

As discussed at recent Delta ISB meetings, members of the Delta ISB have been acting as unpaid volunteers since July 1, 2020. Currently, Delta ISB members are transitioning to some per-diem compensation, but the State has not yet secured a more sustainable way to financially compensate Delta ISB members for their services, as the State has done in the past. This current status necessitates greatly curtailing the agenda and activities of the Delta ISB to a much lower level. Consequently, substantial delays in many of the Delta ISB's anticipated and legislatively mandated reviews, products, and activities are expected. The Delta ISB is committed to supporting science for the Delta's problems and problem-solving and looks forward to returning to its high level of productivity as soon as the State fully resolves this issue.

Purpose

The Delta ISB will meet regarding its current reviews and efforts. At the meeting, the Delta Stewardship Council will provide an update on its current activities, including any potential future requests to the Delta ISB. In addition, Dr. Laurel Larsen, the new Delta lead scientist, will share her vision for the Delta Science Program. Afterwards, the Delta ISB will discuss the current status, including next steps, on the Science Needs Assessment and the Monitoring Enterprise Review.

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 expressly listed for action, may be deliberated upon and may be subject to action.

~ 10:30 AM: Meeting Starts

1. Welcome and Declarations
2. Delta ISB Chair Report and Business Matters
3. Delta Stewardship Council Chair and Executive Officer Report

The Delta Stewardship Council will provide an update on its activities, including potential future requests to the Delta ISB.

4. Delta Lead Scientist Report

Dr. Laurel Larsen, the new Delta lead scientist, will share her vision for the Delta Science Program and will provide an update on the Delta Science Program's activities, including potential future requests to the Delta ISB.

5. Discussion: Science Needs Assessment

Based on the [recommendations from the Delta ISB](#) and the endorsement of the Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee (DPIIC), a long-term Science Needs Assessment is being developed, 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. At the meeting, Dr. Steve Brandt and Dr. Jay Lund of the Delta ISB will provide an update on the development of the Science Needs Assessment, including the latest draft outline. Based on the update, the Delta ISB will discuss next steps.

6. Discussion: 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.

At the meeting, Dr. Vince Resh, former Delta ISB member, and Cheryl Patel, the Delta ISB fellow, will provide an overview of what has been done to date on the Monitoring Enterprise Review. Based on the presentation, the Delta ISB will discuss next steps for the review. For more information on the scope of the review, please refer to the [monitoring enterprise review prospectus](#).

7. Preparation for Upcoming Delta ISB Meetings

8. Review of Items for Follow-up

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

9. Public Comments

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

~ 12:45 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).