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Meeting Notice of the Delta Independent Science Board

Friday, August 20, 2021
8:30 AM to 12:30 PM PST

Meeting Location

Remote access only; No public location

In accordance with Governor Newsom's June 11, 2021 Executive Order N-08-21, the Delta Stewardship Council will provide for remote participation by Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB) members, staff, and members of the public. As such, this meeting will be conducted entirely remotely via CAL-SPAN and Zoom: there will not be a public, in-person access location.

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_ejmuTrynTfevwWZepIWrlw

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 916-902-6571 by 7:30 AM on Friday, August 20.

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.

Curtailement of Delta ISB Activities

As discussed at recent Delta ISB meetings, the current appointment structure of Delta ISB members necessitates greatly curtailing the agenda and activities of the Delta ISB to a much lower level. 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 to hear from representatives from State and federal agencies to learn about their organization, what science it does in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and how their organization supports or utilizes adaptive management.

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.

~ 8:30 AM: Meeting Starts

1. Welcome and Declarations
2. Delta ISB Chair Report and Business Matters
3. Monitoring Enterprise Review Discussion

The Delta ISB is in the process of reviewing how well monitoring programs are meeting the informational needs of management agencies. There are two components to this review. Component 1 was the development of a comprehensive inventory of monitoring programs in the Delta, which was completed in March 2020 (see [Component 1 summary](#)). Component 2, currently underway, is the Delta ISB's evaluation and recommendations on monitoring programs. At the meeting, the Delta ISB will discuss the status of this review. For more information on the scope of the review, please refer to the [monitoring enterprise review prospectus](#).

4. Introduction to Organizations that Conduct Science in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta

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Organization	Representative
United States Geological Survey	Dr. Michael Chotkowski
National Marine Fisheries Service – Southwest Fisheries Science Center	Dr. Rachel Johnson
United States Bureau of Reclamation	Dr. Joshua Israel
California Department of Water Resources	Dr. Lenny Grimaldo and Dr. Erik Loboschefsky
California Department of Fish and Wildlife	Mr. Carl Wilcox

Each representative will answer the following questions:

- What are your organization's key strategic goals for science?
 - Do you have a written strategic science plan for the agency?
- What are the most important and challenging science issues you see in the coming years?

- How can the Delta ISB reviews and advice assist with your work?

5. Preparation for Upcoming Delta ISB Meetings

6. Review of Items for Follow-up

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

7. Public Comments

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

~ 12:30 PM: Meeting Adjourned

Additional Information

- If you have any questions, please contact Edmund Yu at 916-902-6571 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.
- 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 (Agenda Item 7) 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).