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## **Meeting Notice of the Delta Independent Science Board**

Day 1, Wednesday, March 9, 2022  
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm PST

Day 2, Thursday, March 10, 2022  
9:00 am to 5:00 pm PST

### **Meeting Location**

Remote access only; No public location

In accordance with Assembly Bill 361 (Government Code Section 11133) and Executive Order N-1-22, 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](mailto: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.

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### **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\\_5EuajOb5SOSki1YGQTx4YQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5EuajOb5SOSki1YGQTx4YQ)

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 10:30 AM on Wednesday, March 9.

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.

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### **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.

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### **Purpose**

On March 9, the Delta ISB will meet to discuss next steps for its monitoring enterprise review and its water supply reliability estimation review. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on next steps for these reviews.

On March 10, the Delta ISB will continue its presentation series to better orient Delta ISB members on Delta science and management, and on the science topics that it plans to review. In the morning, the Delta ISB will hear from representatives from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife on the incidental take permit, and from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service on the biological opinions on the long-term operations of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project.

In the afternoon, the Delta ISB will receive an overview of the California Environmental Flows Framework from representatives from the framework's technical team, and the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan from representatives from the State Water Resources Control Board. Afterward, the Delta ISB will discuss its future reviews. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on next steps for future reviews.

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.

### ***Day 1, Wednesday, March 9, 2022***

~ 1:00 PM: Meeting Starts

1. Welcome and Declarations
2. Delta ISB Chair Report and Business Matters
3. Delta Stewardship Council Report and Executive Officer Report
4. Delta Lead Scientist Report
5. Presentation: California Sea Grant State Fellowship Reflections

Jennica Moffat will reflect on her California Sea Grant State Fellowship, where she provided support to Delta ISB on its various reviews.

6. Presentation: Delta Science Program Assessment of the Impact and Value of the Delta Independent Science Board

Lauren Hastings, Chelsea Batavia, and Edmund Yu of the Delta Science Program will present their final assessment of the impact and value of the Delta ISB. Findings of the assessment are intended to inform improvements to Delta ISB processes and to increase the value and impacts of its reviews.

7. Discussion and Potential Action: Next Steps on the Monitoring Enterprise Review and Water Supply Reliability Estimation Review

The Delta ISB is in the process of finalizing its [water supply reliability estimation review](#) and its [monitoring enterprise review](#). The Delta ISB will discuss next steps and outreach efforts for both reviews once finalized.

8. Public Comments

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

~ 5:00 PM: Recess until the next day on March 10, 2022, at ~9:00 AM

**Day 2, Thursday, March 10, 2022**

~ 9:00 AM: Meeting Reconvenes

9. Welcome Back

10. Presentation: Overview of the Incidental Take Permit and Biological Opinions on the Long-term Operations of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project.

Brooke Jacobs of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife will provide an overview of the incidental take permit, while Cathy Marcinkevage of the National Marine Fisheries Service and Kaylee Allen of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service will provide an overview on the biological opinions on the long-term operations of the State Water Project and Central Valley Project.

11. Presentation: Overview of the Delta Science Program & National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis Working Group

The Delta Science Program in partnership with the National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis (NCEAS) are leading a collaborative synthesis working group to analyze the drivers of the estuarine aquatic food supply. Sam Bashevkin and Pascale Goertler of the Delta Science Program, along with Tanya Rogers of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Southwest Fisheries Science Center, will provide an overview of the working group's efforts, including the development of an estuary-scale food-web model, which could help address recommendations from [the Delta ISB's non-native species review](#).

~ 12:30 pm: ~30 Minute Lunch Break. Reconvene at ~1:00 pm.

12. Presentation: Overview of the California Environmental Flows Framework

Sarah Yarnell (UC Davis) and Julie Zimmerman (The Nature Conservancy) will provide an overview of the California Environmental Flows Framework, the state of science on environmental flows, and the opportunities and challenges in California for applying environmental flows.

13. Presentation: Overview of Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan

Diane Riddle, Matt Holland, and Erin Foresman of the State Water Resources Control Board will provide an overview of the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan to help inform the scope of the Delta ISB's review on environmental flows.

#### 14. Discussion and Potential Action: Future Reviews (**Action Item**)

The Delta ISB will continue to discuss future reviews, including the topics that emerged as top priorities at its November 15 and 16, 2021 virtual planning retreat meeting, such as subsidence reversal, environmental flows, and food webs. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on the next steps for future reviews.

#### 15. Preparation for Upcoming Delta ISB Meetings

#### 16. Review of Items for Follow-up

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

#### 17. Public Comments

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

~ 5:00 PM: Meeting adjourned

### **Additional Information**

- If you have any questions, please contact Edmund Yu at 916-902-6571 or [Edmund.Yu@deltacouncil.ca.gov](mailto: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 8 and 17) 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).