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

Day 1, Thursday, August 11, 2022  
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Day 2, Friday, August 12, 2022  
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Delta Tour)

[Please see separate notice with details](#)

### **Meeting Location**

California Natural Resources Agency  
715 P Street, Room 221  
Sacramento, CA 95814

*(Parking information is at the end of the notice)*

For the health and safety of everyone attending this meeting, masks and physical distancing are strongly recommended.

### **Public Comments**

Information for providing public comments is at the end of this notice. Public comment may be limited to three minutes per person.

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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\\_iGT7YfW7S-6bBfqc426wrA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_iGT7YfW7S-6bBfqc426wrA)

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 8:00 AM on Thursday, August 11.

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 Delta Independent Science Board's (Delta ISB's) [meetings web page](https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-isb/meetings) at <https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/delta-isb/meetings>. Members of the public are encouraged to visit the events web page to view the meeting materials.

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### **Purpose**

On August 11, the Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB) will meet to discuss its reviews and activities, including its review of the draft Environmental Impact Report for the Delta Conveyance Project. These discussions will help inform the Board's work plan over the next year.

In addition, Delta Stewardship Council staff will provide an overview of the Council's adopted Ecosystem Amendment, consisting of revisions to Delta Plan Chapter 4 (Protect, Restore, and Enhance the Delta Ecosystem).

This Purpose section describes the highlights. For more information about the meeting, refer to the agenda below. The meeting will continue on August 12 with a Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta tour. For more information on the tour, please read the [August 12 meeting notice](#).

### **Agenda**

The agenda items listed below may be considered in a different order pursuant to the determination of the Delta ISB chair. The 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.

~ 9:00 AM: 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. Discussion and Potential Action: Anticipating California Delta Futures (**Action Item**)

Dr. Lisa Wainger, Delta ISB chair-elect, will provide an overview of a potential new initiative of the Delta ISB and the Delta Science Program to host a seminar and workshop series on Anticipating California Delta Futures. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take potential action on next steps on this idea.

6. Discussion: Science Needs Assessment

Based on the [recommendations from the Delta ISB](#) in February 2019 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. The Delta ISB will discuss progress made and potential next steps on the Science Needs Assessment.

7. Discussion: Delta ISB Work Plan

With the recent completion of [monitoring enterprise review](#), and [water supply reliability estimation review](#), the Delta ISB will discuss updating its work plan over the next year.

8. Discussion: Future Reviews

The Delta ISB will discuss ideas for future reviews, including subsidence reversal and environmental flows.

9. Discussion: Next Steps on the Current and Completed Reviews

- a. Non-native Species Review
- b. Monitoring Enterprise Review

c. Water Supply Reliability Estimation Review

The Delta ISB has completed its [non-native species review](#), [monitoring enterprise review](#), and [water supply reliability estimation review](#). The Delta ISB will discuss next steps and outreach efforts for these reviews.

~12:20 PM: Lunch Break. Reconvene at 1:20 PM

10. Presentation: Delta Plan Ecosystem Amendment Update

On June 23, 2022, the Delta Stewardship Council certified a [Final Program Environmental Impact Report](#) (PEIR) and adopted the Ecosystem Amendment, consisting of revisions to [Delta Plan Chapter 4 \(Protect, Restore, and Enhance the Delta Ecosystem\)](#) and new and revised mitigation measures identified in the PEIR. Jeff Henderson and Dan Constable of the Delta Stewardship Council staff will provide an overview of the Ecosystem Amendment.

11. Discussion: Delta Conveyance Project Environmental Impact Report

On July 27, 2022, the California Department of Water Resources released the [draft Environmental Impact Report of the Delta Conveyance Project](#). The Delta ISB will discuss the draft Environmental Impact Report, its review of the document, and next steps.

12. Reflections from the Outgoing Delta ISB Chair

Dr. Stephen Brandt's term as Delta ISB Chair ends on August 31, 2022, and Dr. Lisa Wainger will become Chair on September 1, 2022. Dr. Brandt will reflect on his term as Delta ISB Chair.

13. Overview of Delta ISB Field Tour on August 12

On August 12, the Delta ISB will tour the State Water Project's Harvey O. Banks Pumping Plant and John E. Skinner Delta Fish Protective Facility, the Central Valley Project's Tracy Fish Collection Facility, and the UC Davis Fish Conservation and Culture Laboratory (see [August 12 meeting notice](#) for more information).

14. Preparation for Upcoming Delta ISB Meetings

15. Review of Items for Follow-up

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

## 16. 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, August 12, 2022, at ~9:00 AM (Delta Tour; see [meeting notice](#))

### Contact

- 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.

### Public Comments

- 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 16) 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).
- To make an oral public comment, please complete a blue card that is available near the entrance of the meeting location and provide it to the meeting clerk.
- If you are on the Zoom webcast and would like to provide oral public comments, 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 Delta ISB 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.

### Parking Information

- Metered street parking is available on adjacent streets. Paid parking is also available at a state-owned parking garage at 10th and P Streets and a private-owned parking lot at 7th and Q Streets. The closest light rail station is the 8th and O Station.