



# Delta Independent Science Board

DELTA STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

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## Meeting Notice of the Delta Independent Science Board

Friday, November 8, 2024  
9:00 AM to 12:30 PM PT

This is a teleconference meeting of the Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB)  
(Government Code Section 11123)

**Delta ISB Member teleconference locations  
are listed at the end of the notice.**

### **Additional Location**

California Natural Resources Agency  
715 P Street, Room 2-301  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Staff only will be present at this location. The public will be able to address the  
Board through electronic means from this location.

### **Public Comments**

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

### **Remote Participation Option**

To participate remotely via [Zoom](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RaDop3eeRuS6KRiYGWXRvg), please provide a Zoom name and email address  
at [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_RaDop3eeRuS6KRiYGWXRvg](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RaDop3eeRuS6KRiYGWXRvg).

After registering, you will receive an email to the email address provided 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 a name and email, which may be disclosed as public information. **The webcast will be recorded.**

### **Phone Only Option**

If you need a phone-only option, please call the Clerk of the Board at 916-902-6571 by 8:00 AM on Friday, November 8, 2024.

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### **Meeting Materials**

This notice and materials referenced in this notice are available on the 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**

The Delta ISB will meet to discuss its reviews and activities. This will include discussing its comments on the Delta Stewardship Council's [draft Tribal and Environmental Justice Issue paper](#), and taking oral public comments on the Delta ISB's [draft prospectus](#) for a symposium on emerging climate research that the Delta ISB is planning in early 2025. Written public comments will be due by noon on November 19, 2024.

Dr. Christine Whitcraft (California State University, Long Beach) will present her team's study to address early detection and rapid response (EDRR) processes in the Delta with a focus on aquatic weeds. This was a key science need identified by the Delta ISB's [non-native species review](#) in 2021.

Dr. Lisamarie Windham-Myers will provide an overview of her vision and what she hopes to accomplish as Delta Lead Scientist with the remainder of her first term, which concludes on November 30, 2026.

This Purpose 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. 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. Presentation: Evaluating the Early Detection, Rapid Response Framework for Aquatic Species in the Delta

Dr. Christine Whitcraft (California State University, Long Beach) will present her team's study to address early detection and rapid response (EDRR) processes in the Delta with a focus on aquatic weeds. This was a key science need identified by the Delta ISB's [non-native species review](#) in 2021. The major goals of the study were: (1) to refine the draft Delta EDRR framework and coordination table that was developed by the Delta Invasive Species Coordination Team, and (2) to understand key natural history and ecological relationships of ribbon weed (*Vallisneria australis*) in the Delta to inform rapid response actions.

4. Delta Lead Scientist Report

Delta Lead Scientist Dr. Lisamarie Windham-Myers will update the Delta ISB on advances in science relevant to the Delta and on Delta Science Program activities.

5. Presentation: Delta Lead Scientist Vision

Dr. Lisamarie Windham-Myers began her term as Delta Lead Scientist on December 1, 2023. She will provide an overview of her vision and what she hopes to accomplish as Delta Lead Scientist with the remainder of her first term, which concludes on November 30, 2026.

6. Discussion: Planning for a Climate Science Research Symposium

The Delta ISB is planning to host a symposium in early 2025 that explores: 1) the current climate projections for California's Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and related uncertainties; and 2) how organizations in the region are incorporating climate change into their decision making. The Delta ISB has released a [draft prospectus](#) for public comments, which are due at noon on November 19, 2024. Oral comments on the draft prospectus may be provided during the public comment on this agenda item.

7. Discussion: Delta ISB Comments on the Delta Stewardship Council's Draft Tribal and Environmental Justice Issue Paper (**Action Item**)

The Delta Stewardship Council has released the public review draft of its Tribal and Environmental Justice issue paper: [Tribal and Environmental Justice Issues in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: History and Current Perspectives](#). The draft presents the Council's understanding of tribal and environmental justice issues in and around the Delta and recommends actions to better address those issues within the scope of the Council's mission, authority, and influence. The Delta ISB will discuss its comments on the public review draft. Based on the discussion, the Delta ISB may take action on next steps for submitting comments to the Delta Stewardship Council.

8. Discussion: Decision-Making Under Deep Uncertainty Review

The Delta ISB will discuss progress made on its decision-making under deep uncertainty review ([see prospectus](#)). The review will build an understanding of the scientific tools and concepts that can increase the capacity to anticipate and adapt to the growing uncertainty of future conditions in the Bay-Delta system.

9. Public Comments

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

10. Preparation for Upcoming Meetings

11. Review of Items for Follow-up

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

**~ 12:30 PM: Meeting Adjourned**

## **Contact**

- If you have any questions, please contact the clerk of the Board at 916-902-6571, email [disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov](mailto:disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov), or visit the Delta Stewardship Council Office (715 P Street, 15-300, Sacramento, CA 95691).
- 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 each agenda item except closed session items.
  - In addition, comments during the Public Comment period (Agenda Item 9) 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 or Delta ISB member at that meeting location.
- If you are on the Zoom webcast or on the phone 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 a name, organization (if applicable – not required) 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 at [disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov](mailto:disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov) with the message that should be read to the Delta ISB and specify which agenda item.
  - The meeting will not be paused or adjourned in case of technical difficulties with the webcast recording. In the event of technical difficulties with access via Zoom, please listen in by phone using the number that is provided to you upon registration. In case of meeting interruption due to technical difficulties, please visit the Delta ISB's [meetings web page](#) for additional information.

## Parking Information

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## Delta ISB Member Teleconference Locations

*Location 1*  
Chesapeake Biological Lab  
Parish House  
146 Williams Street  
Solomons, MD 20688

*Location 2*  
Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research,  
450 UCB  
4001 Discovery Drive  
Boulder, CO 80303

*Location 3*  
260 Panama St  
Stanford, CA 94305

*Location 4*  
1380 Lawrence St., Suite 500  
Denver, CO 80204

*Location 5*  
1010 Guard St  
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

*Location 6*  
University of Tennessee  
425B Hesler Hall  
Knoxville, TN 37996

*Location 7*  
1228 Avondale Lane  
West Palm Beach, FL 33409

*Location 8*  
15 Phillips Road  
Palo Alto, CA 94303

*Location 9*  
712 Brannock Terrace  
Annapolis, MD 21401

*Location 10*  
UC Davis  
Activities and Recreation Center  
One Shields Avenue  
Davis, CA 95616