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Meeting Notice of the Delta Independent Science Board (Day 1 – Lookout Slough Tour)

December 3-4, 2024, Meeting
Day 1, Tuesday, December 3, 2024
12:00 PM to 4:00 PM PT

This notice is for the first day (December 3) of a two-day Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB) meeting. For information on day 2 of the meeting, please refer to the [day 2 \(December 4, 2024\) meeting notice](#).

Pre-Tour Briefing Location

Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy
1450 Halyard Dr, Suite 6
West Sacramento, CA 95691

Lookout Slough Tour Location

There is no set address. Please see the map for the directions to [Lookout Slough at the terminus of Liberty Island Rd.](#)

Remote Participation Option

There will not be a remote option for this tour and it will not be recorded.

Public Comments

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

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.

Purpose

On December 3, 2024, the Delta ISB will tour the recently completed Lookout Slough Tidal Habitat Restoration and Flood Improvement Project with representatives from the California Department of Water Resources. At 3,400-acres, Lookout Slough is the largest single tidal wetland restoration project to date in the Delta. This multi-benefit project restores tidal wetland habitat and produces food for Delta smelt and other fish species, while reducing overall flood risk in the Sacramento area. Prior to the tour, Charlotte Biggs of the California Department of Water Resources, along with other representatives, will provide an overview of the project at 12 pm at the Delta Conservancy's West Sacramento office.

To help with planning, please email disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov by noon (12 pm) on December 2 if you plan to attend the tour. **For health and safety, all attendees must wear close-toed shoes and long pants.**

All members of the public participating in the tour are responsible for their transportation to and from the tour, as well as their food and water. There will be no refreshments or water provided at any time during the tour. All times listed in the agenda are approximate.

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.

~ 12:00 PM: Pre-Tour Briefing

Pre-tour briefing will occur at the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Office (1450 Halyard Drive, Suite 6, West Sacramento, CA 9569).

1. Welcome and Declarations

2. Public Comments

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

3. Overview of Lookout Slough

Charlotte Biggs of the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), along with other DWR representatives, will provide an overview of the Lookout Slough Tidal Habitat Restoration and Flood Improvement Project. This is a multi-benefit project that restores tidal wetland habitat and produces food for Delta smelt and other fish species, while reducing overall flood risk in the Sacramento area.

~ 1:00 PM: Depart for Lookout Slough

~ 2:00 PM: Reconvene Tour at Lookout Slough

Please see map for the directions to the [Lookout Slough at the terminus of Liberty Island Rd.](#)

4. Lookout Slough Tour

The Delta ISB will tour the recently completed Lookout Slough Tidal Habitat Restoration and Flood Improvement Project with the California Department of Water Resources. At 3,400 acres, Lookout Slough is the largest single tidal wetland restoration project to date in the Delta.

5. Closing Remarks from the Delta ISB Chair

~ 4:00 PM: Recess Meeting. Meeting will reconvene the following day (December 4) at the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy at approximately 9:00 AM. For more information, please refer to the [day 2 meeting notice](#).

Contact

- If you have any questions, please contact the clerk of the Board at 916-902-6571, email disb@deltacouncil.ca.gov, or visit the Delta Stewardship Council Office (715 P Street, 15-300, Sacramento, CA 95814).
- If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact the Delta Stewardship Council 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 2) 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.
- Note that the Delta Stewardship Council, which provides staff services to the Delta ISB, is under ex parte communication restrictions with regard to the 2024-2026 Proposed Geotechnical Activities, and cannot discuss the project or issues related to the appeal of the Proposed Geotechnical Activities with anyone outside of the Council, which includes the Delta ISB. The Delta ISB is independent of the Council and is not under ex parte restrictions, except as the restriction is applicable to communications with Council staff or Council members.