



Delta Independent Science Board

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Meeting Notice of the Delta Independent Science Board

Friday, May 22, 2026
9:00 AM to 4:30 PM PT

The Delta ISB will meet on May 21 and May 22, 2026. The notice for the May 21 meeting (EchoWater Resource Recovery Facility Tour) was released on April 17, 2026 ([see tour notice](#)).

Some members may attend remotely by Zoom. A quorum will be present at the location listed below (Gov. Code Section 11123.2).

Location

California Natural Resources Agency
715 P Street, Room 2-302
Sacramento, CA 95814

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](#), please provide a Zoom name and email address at https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cTRMWzpZQjCEcojHUzXbNQ.

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.

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, May 22, 2026.

Archived Webcast

The meeting will be archived via [Admin Monitor](https://california.adminmonitor.com/delta):
<https://california.adminmonitor.com/delta>

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 May 22, 2026, at 9 am, the Delta ISB will meet to discuss its reviews and activities, which will include a debrief on its May 21 tour to the Sacramento Area Sewer District's EchoWater Resource Recovery Facility and a presentation by Dr. Tamara Kraus (United States Geological Survey) on Operation Baseline, a suite of studies that helped assess the effects of the EchoWater upgrade to reduce nutrients in the Delta.

Over the coming months, the Delta ISB will host a series of panels to explore nature-based solutions, including associated challenges and needs, to help shape a potential review that is meaningful and useful for the Delta community. The first panel will take place at this meeting, focusing on perspectives from State agencies to understand what is happening in California. Panelists include Wade Crowfoot (California Natural Resources Agency), Campbell Ingram (Delta Conservancy), Tawny Mata (California Department of Food and Agriculture), Nick Martorano (State Water Resources Control Board), and Steve Rothert (California Department of Water Resources).

For full 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

Delta ISB Chair Dr. Inge Wener will provide an update on the Delta ISB's activities, public correspondence received since the last meeting, and other relevant announcements, including the call for abstracts for the upcoming [Bay-Delta Science Conference](#).

3. Presentation: Operations Baseline Update by Dr. Tamara Kraus (United States Geological Survey)

Dr. Tamara Kraus of the United States Geological Survey will provide an update on "[Operation Baseline](#)," a multi-year research initiative to (1) establish a baseline of water quality, focusing on nutrients and phytoplankton, in the Delta, (2) to assess the effects of the Sacramento Area Sewer District's EchoWater wastewater treatment plant upgrades, and (3) to modernize and expand water quality monitoring to better capture changes over space and time. The Delta Stewardship Council invested nearly \$4.5 million to initiate the project, which later drew in additional funders. The Operation Baseline studies help address many priority actions in the [Science Action Agenda](#) and the [Delta ISB's recommendations from the 2018 water quality review](#).

4. Debrief on the Tour of EchoWater Resource Recovery Facility and its Bufferlands

The Delta ISB will debrief on the May 21 tour of the EchoWater Resource Recovery Facility and the Bufferlands that surround the facility. This tour is intended to help inform the Delta ISB's contaminants monitoring review.

The Sacramento Area Sewer District's EchoWater Resource Recovery Facility, located in Elk Grove, CA, provides tertiary wastewater treatment for 1.6 million customers throughout the Sacramento region. This facility includes the Bufferlands, an open space area between facility operations and its nearest neighbors that provides wildlife habitat and farmland while reducing the potential for odor and other nuisances.

5. California Sea Grant State Fellow and Delta ISB Postdoctoral Scholar Presentations

Dr. Alyssa Burns, the current California Sea Grant State Fellow working with

the Delta ISB, and Dr. Anika Agrawal, the current Delta ISB postdoctoral scholar, will provide an overview of their past research, interests, and what they hope to get out of their work with the Delta ISB.

- a. Large River Deltas as Integrators and Indicators of Watershed Processes by Dr. Alyssa Burns
- b. A Tale of Three Coasts by Dr. Anika Agrawal

~ 12:00 PM: 1 Hour Lunch Break

~ 1:00 PM: Reconvene Meeting

6. Panel #1: Nature-based Solutions – Insights from State Agencies

Over the coming months, the Delta ISB will host a series of panels to explore nature-based solutions, including the associated challenges and needs, to help shape a potential review by the Delta ISB that is meaningful and useful for the Delta community. The first panel will occur at this meeting on May 22 with a focus on perspectives from State agencies to understand what is occurring in California. Later in the year, the Delta ISB will also host panels focused on work at the national level and within the Delta.

Panelists will include:

Panelist	Organization
Wade Crowfoot	Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency
Campbell Ingram	Executive Officer, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy
Dr. Tawny Mata	Director, Office of Agricultural Resilience and Sustainability, California Department of Food and Agriculture
Nick Martorano	Assistant Deputy Director, Division of Water Quality, State Water Resources Resource Control Board
Steve Rothert	Manager, Division of Multibenefit Initiatives, California Department of Water Resources

~ 3:00 PM: 20 Minute Break

~ 3:20 PM: Reconvene Meeting

7. Debrief on Panel

The Delta ISB will reflect on what was learned from the panel on nature-based solutions and will discuss any next steps for scoping out a review.

8. Public Comments

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

9. Preparation for Upcoming Meetings and Review of Items for Follow-up

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

~ 4:30 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, 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 8) 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.
- 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. A recording will be available after the event.
- 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 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 with the message that should be read to the Delta ISB and specify which agenda item.

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