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**Subject: Update: Delta Protection Commission vote on SB 821 position, Water Board Chair expresses support, comments to White House listening session**

Dear Chair Brandt and Delta ISB members

I wanted to send you an update.

1. The Delta Protection Commission is holding a special meeting on Thursday, August 5 from 1:00 PM to 1:30 PM to consider its position on S.B. 821 (Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Delta Independent Science Board).

[The Commission meeting agenda \(PDF\) is available here](#). Information about participating by Zoom or telephone, and submitting public comments, is available on the meeting agenda.

2. The Delta Lead Scientist gave a quarterly report today to the State Water Resources Control Board. on the Delta Science Program activities. I spoke during public comment period afterwards about President Biden's initiative to restore scientific integrity to federal agency decisionmaking. I also spoke about the unfortunate loss of compensation for the Delta Independent Science Board for the past year, and how the Delta Independent Science Board is the scientific integrity for the Delta Science Program, because it provides oversight and independent peer review for the program. I said that the legislature is moving forward with SB 821 to address the issue, and said that since the Water Board depends on the Delta Science Program for a lot of its work, I hoped that the Water Board would support SB 821. I also said that the Delta ISB members had done a heroic job for the past year, meeting for several months with no compensation, and producing major reports with essentially volunteer work under the \$100 per diem compensation. The Chair of the Water Board, Joaquin Esquivel, thanked me and said that the Water Board is aware of the situation with the Delta Independent Science Board and supports SB 821.
3. My comments from last Friday to the White House OSTP Scientific Integrity Fast-Track Action Committee listening session are posted on the [California Water Research blog here](#). They concern the US Bureau of Reclamation's scientific integrity policies, and major problems with actions under the previous administration.

Thank you again for the work you are doing.

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