

# 2026 Delta Cyanobacterial Harmful Algal Bloom Workshop Agenda

March 19, 2026  
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

California Natural Resources Building  
715 P St, Sacramento, CA 95814, Room 2-302A & 2-302B (In-person or remote; sessions after lunch will be in-person only)

**Registration [link](#)**

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**Goal:** Implement Recommendation 1.5 of the [Delta CHABs Monitoring Strategy](#)

*“Recommendation 1.5: Hold an annual meeting focused specifically on Delta CHABs*

As recommendations are implemented and lessons are learned, consistent meetings with people engaged in Delta CHAB monitoring are necessary. This allows a cohesive approach to CHAB monitoring and community-based course correction to support adaptive management. An annual meeting is an important event that can be used to inform the community about ongoing efforts related to CHABs.”

## Objectives:

Goal 1: Enhance Delta CHAB collaboration	Objective 1-1 Organize collaborative approach to implement Delta CHAB Strategy Objective 1-2 Promote coordination, collaboration, and communication among agency and community partners
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## Agenda

### 9:00 **Workshop Introduction and Monitoring Strategy Implementation**

#### **Progress**

- Introduction, workshop goals, implementation roadmap (Keith Bouma-Gregson, 10 min.)
- Strategy overview (Ellen Preece, 10 min.)
- Progress toward Strategy Implementation
  - Overall progress, Management Questions (Laura Twardochleb, 20 min.)
  - CHABs Monitoring Design Report (Keith Bouma-Gregson, 20 min.)
- Q/A (10 min.)

### 10:10 **10-Minute Break**

### 10:20 **Policy, Monitoring, Management, Funding Session**

**Facilitator:** Keith Bouma-Gregson

- Lightning talks: Updates on policy, management priorities, monitoring efforts, and funding security related to HABs (60 min.)
  - State Water Board, Division of Water Rights; State Water Board, Division of Water Quality; Central Valley Regional Board; IEP Environmental Monitoring Program; Dept. of Water Resources; U.S. Geological Survey; Delta Stewardship Council; Delta Regional Monitoring Program; Restore the Delta; Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians; Statewide FHAB Program
- Q/A (10 min.)

### 11:30 **10-Minute Break**

### 11:40 ***Microcystis* Visual Index projects**

Emily Richardson (Department of Water Resources) & Holly Bowers, Mine Berg (Coastal Conservation and Research) (45 min.)

**\*\* There will be no remote option for sessions after lunch \*\***

### 12:25 **Lunch (45 minutes)**

Options: CNRA cafeteria or bring your own brown-bag lunch

1:10 **Data Sharing and Collaboration Session**

**Facilitator:** Laura Twardochleb

- Status and challenges of working with CHABs-related data sets (10 min.)
- MERHAB Data Dashboard (5 min.)
- Delta Stewardship Council NCEAS synthesis project (Brooke Eastman, 5 min.)
- Discussion: How can we improve HABs-related data availability and integration in the Delta (20 min.)

1:50 **Strategy Implementation Roadmap**

**Facilitator:** Laura Twardochleb and Melissa Turner

- Introduce discussion topics (10 min.)
- Small group discussions (30 min.)
- Report-out on group discussions (20 min.)

2:50 **Workshop Summary and Next Steps**

3:00 **CHAB Workshop Concludes**

**\* Agenda subject to revisions**