



Delta Interagency Invasive Species Coordination Team Update

Staff Report

This agenda item provides an update on the Conservancy's role in facilitating the Delta Interagency Invasive Species Coordination (DIISC) Team, publishing of the Quick-Start Guide to Managing Invasive Aquatic Vegetation (IAV) in Tidal Wetland Habitats of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh, and the sixth biennial Delta Invasive Species Symposium.

DESCRIPTION

The Conservancy continues to act as facilitator and co-leader of the DIISC Team. In 2025, the DIISC Team held four quarterly meetings featuring briefings on golden mussel response, state ballast water regulations, and the work of the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee.

Since July 2024, a working group of DIISC Team members has been developing a [Quick-Start Guide to Managing Invasive Aquatic Vegetation \(IAV\) in Tidal Wetland Habitats of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh](#) (guide). The guide was published on the DIISC Team webpage in November 2025 and provides recommendations for developing a site-specific IAV management plan.

Since 2015, the DIISC Team has planned and facilitated the biennial Delta Invasive Species Symposium (Symposium). The Symposium's target audience is Delta managers, researchers, and decision-makers. The Symposium is a forum for these groups to meet, share, and synthesize information, and communicate best practices and lessons learned. The 2025 Symposium focused on managing invasives for the future Delta while highlighting innovative tools and approaches, modeling and forecasting efforts, and methods for dealing with uncertainties.

The 2025 Symposium took place on December 4, 2025, as a hybrid event. It was a great success with nearly 300 participants affiliated with local, state, and federal governments, NGOs, local land management groups, consulting firms, academia, community groups, and Delta residents. Agenda, abstracts, and a recording of the Symposium are available on the [Conservancy's website](#).

BACKGROUND

The DIISC Team was formed in 2013 to provide a venue for the exchange of information, coordination of research and management, and collective leveraging of funding relevant to invasive species management and study relevant to the Delta. To this end, the team has met quarterly since 2013, hosted six research and management symposiums, and has formed various working groups. The Delta Conservancy was identified as the facilitator of the DIISC Team and co-leads the group with the Department of Water Resources, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Delta Stewardship Council.

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