Delta Science Tracker

Needs Assessment Workshop
Agenda

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- The Process
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The Need

- There is currently no central knowledge-base recording all funded science projects occurring in the Delta.
- Projects could coordinate more closely to leverage resources, collaborate, and advance knowledge.
- Funding programs could coordinate across agencies to ensure that funding is proportional to the importance of topics.
- Tracking science projects more closely could identify practical knowledge gaps and effective redundancies more efficiently.
- Viewers should be able to aggregate, organise and display science activities as per their needs and priorities.
- Sharing data, absent of the project context within the broader geography, provides only partial insight.
The Need

A Science Tracker would help to address these needs.

The Delta Science Program has commissioned a Needs Assessment to help determine:

- What are the greatest knowledge gaps related to Delta science projects?
- How might we effectively address those gaps?
- Who might be motivated to use a new or adapted tool?
A needs assessment workshop

This workshop will:

- Determine the information gaps a Science Tracker would fill
- Prioritize the information required to design and develop the system
- Discuss the lifecycle of project information associated with the Science Tracker
- Leverage mockups as a way to focus discussion on key information and practical solutions to organize and display it
- Provide materials for a formal assessment report
Next Steps

A report

Following the workshop, the project team will:

- Evaluate your feedback
- Synthesize the notes and comments
- Assemble a needs assessment report
- Deliver the report to the Delta Science Program for their consideration
Questions:

- Why do you see a need for a science tracking system?
- How would you use it?
- What are the biggest information gaps related to understanding the science projects performed in the Delta?
- Can you suggest any use cases for demonstration purposes?