



# Delta Science Tracker

Needs Assessment Workshop



432 Active Science Initiatives in the Delta  
23 Completed Science Projects in the Delta  
\$4,000,000,000.001 Dollars in Funding

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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.



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# The Need

## A Science Tracker

**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?

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# The Process

## A Workshop

### 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

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# Next Steps

Product(s)

## 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



# Timeline



# 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?
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