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Agenda Item: Item 5
Meeting Date: November 16, 2006

Delta Risk Management Strategy Review Panel

Summary: The CALFED Science Program is coordinating an Independent Review Panel for the products of the Delta Risk Management Strategy (DRMS). Staff will provide an update on this process.

Action: This is an informational item only.

Background: At its August meeting, the ISB recommended to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) that the CALFED Science Program provide the transparent, thorough scientific review of Delta Risk Management Strategy (DRMS) products rather than the National Research Council. DRMS is an investigation of the risk to assets of Statewide interest resulting from levee failures in the Delta and Suisun Marsh areas of California, and an evaluation of alternative strategies for mitigation of these risks. The purpose of the independent review is to assist the DRMS authors in making their report as accurate and effective as possible.

The ISB recommended that Science Program staff work closely with DWR staff to develop a Scope of Work for the Independent Review Panel that contains clear scientific questions the DRMS program needs answered and a clear timeline. The ISB recommends the panel only review Phase 1 and Phase 2 products. The ISB agreed to evaluate and comment on the Independent Review Panel reviews and response of DRMS management to the reviews. Science Program staff will provide the ISB an update on the review panel process in preparation for this future ISB task.

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – DRMS Independent Review Panel Scope of Work: includes the review process, the charge to panelists, and the review schedule.

Attachment 2 – List of panel membership (to be handed out at meeting)

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