

**Agenda Item: Item 1**  
**Meeting Date: August 15, 2006**

## State of Science for the Bay-Delta System Outline

---

**Summary:** The Science Program is writing a State of Science for the Bay-Delta System document to inform decision making and future Delta management under changing conditions.

**Action:** The actions needed from the ISB are to review the approach for document development and to agree to act as a review body for the report development and final report.

---

**Background:** One of the Science Program tasks is to develop a State of the Bay-Delta Science report that will provide a broad interdisciplinary context and describe relevant scientific information for the Bay-Delta system. Areas of focus for the report will include the state of scientific knowledge, state of the system (trends/indicators), recommended future science actions/activities, critical certainties and uncertainties, and specific interrelationships in the system.

Staff has developed an outline for technical appendices supporting the report. Actual writing of the document will be accomplished through a number of strategies. Science Program staff will oversee development of each technical appendix. The appendices, expected to be about 20 pages each, will be written by a combination of staff, technical experts and consultants. Drafting of the appendices may also include use of advisors and/or workshops on specific topics to pull together the latest thoughts and information on emerging science. The strategy for completing each appendix may differ and is still under development. The report will then be drafted from the information presented in the appendices.

Drafts of the technical appendices are scheduled for completion in April 2007. They will undergo independent technical review and be finalized in July 2007. The draft report will be started in April 2007 and finished in August 2007. The report would undergo technical review by the ISB with the final report completed in December 2007.

### Questions to ISB:

- Does this outline represent a comprehensive state of the system document?
- Is the approach laid out by program staff reasonable?
- Will the ISB serve as the review body for the final report?

Agenda Item: 1  
Meeting Date: August 15, 2006  
Page 2

**Attachments:**

Attachment 1 - Outline of the State of Science for the Bay-Delta System Report

**Program Contact:**

Ron Ott  
Deputy Director for Science  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program

Phone: (916) 445-2168