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Meeting Date: August 28, 2007

Delta Risk Management Strategy Phase I Review Panel

Summary: The Delta Risk Management Strategy (DRMS) Phase I review is targeted for completion a few days before the August ISB meeting. Staff will provide a briefing on the Phase I review outcome and process for Phase 2 review.

Action: This is an informational item for potential action.

Background: The Science Program, under the auspices of the ISB, is coordinating an independent review of the DRMS products. DRMS Phase 1 (risk assessment) is an effort to evaluate the potential economic, environmental and public health and safety impacts of Delta and Suisun Marsh levee failures. Phase 2 of DRMS will develop and evaluate risk reduction strategies.

The DRMS Independent Review Panel (IRP) convened on August 2-3 to evaluate the technical methods, analyses, findings and conclusions of the draft DRMS Phase 1 Report. The IRP believes the DRMS Phase 1 Report requires major revisions before it can be used to allocate resources. However, the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force has been given presentations on the draft DRMS Phase 1 report and will meet again August 30th, 2007 to hear a presentation on the DRMS Phase 2 Report. The completed IRP Phase 1 review document is scheduled for delivery to the Science Program by August 24th, 2007. The DRMS team is being asked to respond to this review by mid-September.

The draft DRMS Phase 2 Report is scheduled for release to the IRP for review on October 1st, 2007. The IRP will convene November 1 – 2, and provide their review document to the Science Program by November 20th, 2007. The Delta Vision Task Force is scheduled to present a recommendation for a Delta Vision to the Delta Vision Committee (governor appointed state agency leaders) November 29th, 2007.

Staff Recommended Action Items to ISB:

- 1) In the short-term, advise the Blue Ribbon Task Force on how to utilize the best available science from DRMS Phase 1 report based on the review of the IRP.
- 2) Compose a written memo that comments on the IRP Phase 1 Review Document and the DRMS response by early October.

More information on DRMS can be found at:
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