

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

Delta Risk Management Strategy Review Panel

Summary: The ISB will work with the CALFED Science Program to help guide the coordination of the Independent Review Panel for the products of the Delta Risk Management Strategy (DRMS)

Action: The action needed from the ISB is to review the charge, the schedule, and the members of the Independent Review Panel to help ensure a thorough, unbiased world class review of the DRMS products.

Background: The ISB recommended the Science Program coordinate an independent review of the DRMS effort. DRMS is a program to look at the risks and consequences of those risks to the Sacramento San-Joaquin Delta caused by impacts such as subsidence, floods, earthquakes and sea-level rise. The purpose of the independent review is to assist the DRMS authors in making their report as accurate and effective as possible by providing a publicly available unbiased evaluation of DRMS technical methods, analyses, findings and conclusions

DWR and the Science Program request that the ISB provide oversight to the Independent Review Panel effort, including reviewing the charge to the panelists, the schedule, and the review panel members, to ensure a thorough, unbiased and world class review of the DRMS products. The ISB is requested to review the information provided by DWR and the Science Program and provide recommendations on how the Independent Review Panel effort could possibly be improved.

Science Program staff will be at the meeting to present background on the DRMS Independent Review Panel effort.

Staff Recommendation: The Science Program staff recommends that the ISB provide ideas, if possible, on how the independent review process could be improved.

Question to ISB:

In regard to request:

- Is the process laid out by program staff reasonable?
- Are there areas that have potential pitfalls or need improvement?
- What are some specific ideas for improving this process?

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – IRP Scope of Work: includes the review process, the charge to panelists, and the review schedule.

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