ITEM 4.C

Reconstituted Independent Science Board

Information Item

Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee

May 25, 2006

Background

 Independent Science Board (ISB) last met in Spring 2005.

 Recommendation by Lead Scientist to reconstitute a smaller targeted ISB.

Expertise of ISB

- Water management
- Water quality
- Riparian restoration
- Fish Biology
- Modeling
- Environmental planning
- Environmental economics

Near-term focus for ISB

- Evaluating science agenda for CALFED Program as a whole
- Assuring use of science in all programs
- Helping select a Lead Scientist
- Working on proposed National Research Council reviews.

Action Items for Authority

- Two resolutions for Authority in June
 - -- disband the previous ISB
 - approve new ISB as nominated by Lead Scientist

First ISB meeting to be held in August. It will be open to the public.