

## **GUIDANCE REGARDING DEVELOPMENT AND ROLE OF BIOLOGICAL OBJECTIVES**

- 1. An initial set of draft biological Plan objectives will be developed for inclusion in the BDCP status document to be issued November 2010.**
- 2. To the maximum extent possible, these objectives will be clear, measureable, achievable, and quantified.**
- 3. The November document will include a road map for completing the comprehensive set of biological objectives on an expeditious schedule.**
- 4. The ability of the Plan to achieve these objectives will be a basis for approving the Plan.**
- 5. These objectives will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the Plan once the permits have been issued.**
- 6. Responses to failure to meet biological objectives shall be addressed in the adaptive management program with appropriate triggers and metrics.**

**Further discussion is required to address several key issues:**

- 1. Linkage, if any, between regulatory assurances, governance and achievement of the biological objectives.**
- 2. In the event that biological goals are not achieved, the basis for determining the reason why not.**