



**EIR/EIS**

# Bay Delta Conservation Plan

## EIR/EIS Status Update to BDCP Steering Committee

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### Presentation Outline

- Preparation of the EIR/EIS by the Lead Agencies
- Issues to be evaluated in detail in EIR/EIS
- Impact assessment approach
- EIR/EIS next steps

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## Preparation of the EIR/EIS by the Lead Agencies (DWR, USBR, USFWS, NMFS)

- EIR/EIS provides information used by the Lead Agencies for decisions related to HCP/NCCP
- EIR/EIS provides full disclosure of environmental consequences enabling public input to process
- Lead Agencies will:
  - Identify Existing Conditions, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) baseline, and No Action Alternative, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) baseline
  - Develop range of alternatives to Proposed Project
  - Conduct impact assessments and identify mitigations for each EIR/EIS alternative

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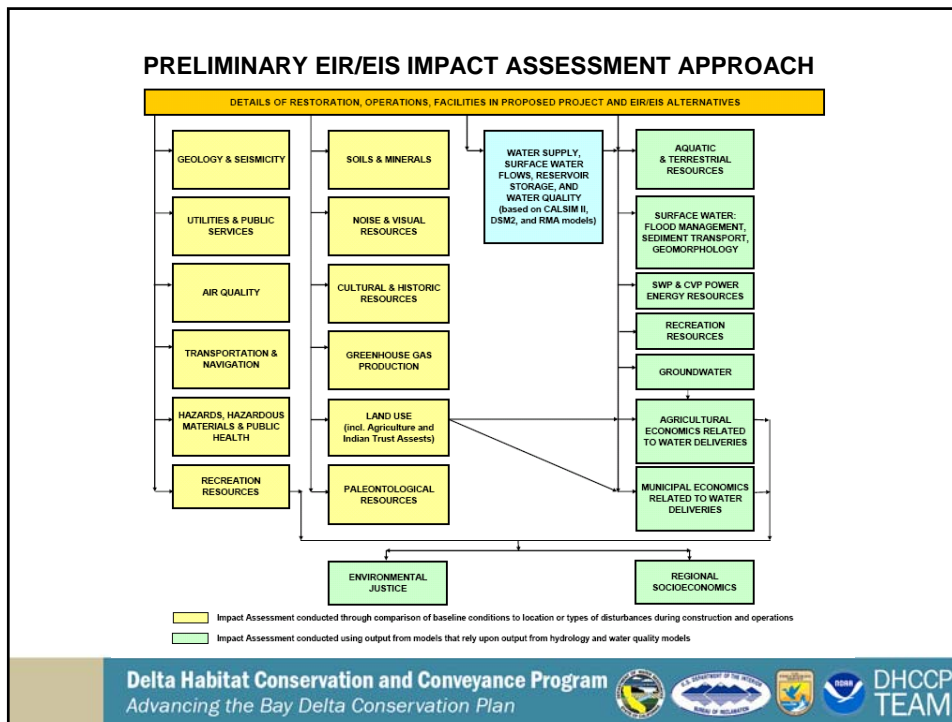
## Issues to be Evaluated in Detail in EIR/EIS

Water Supply*	Surface Water and Water Quality*	Aquatic Biology*	Terrestrial Biology*
Groundwater	Land Use (incl. Agriculture & Indian Trust Assessts)	Cultural & Historic Resources	Hazards & Hazardous Materials
Recreation	Socioeconomics	Air Quality	Noise
Geology & Seismicity	Soils & Minerals	Utilities & Public Services	Transportation & Navigation
Energy Resources	Visual Resources	Greenhouse Gas	Paleontological Resources
Environmental Justice	Public Health	Growth-Inducing Effects	Climate Change

★Coordinated Analyses with BDCP HCP/NCCP

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## Socioeconomic Analyses Address Several Issues

- Agricultural/municipal/industrial economic impacts (CVPM & LCPSIM) to SWP/CVP water users due to changes in water deliveries
- Recreation economic impacts due to changes in refuge water deliveries, reservoir elevations, and river flows
- Recreation economic impacts due to changes in access to waterways and availability of lands used for recreation
- Range of Delta agricultural/municipal/industrial economic impacts due to changes in Delta water quality
- Range of Delta economic impacts due to changes in land use, employment, local revenues, need for public services, community cohesion, and local markets for goods/services
- Regional economic impacts analysis (IMPLAN) due to the combination of issues

## EIR/EIS NEXT STEPS

- Develop alternative screening criteria in compliance with CEQA/NEPA and NCCP/ESA
- Identify EIR/EIS alternatives to the Proposed Project
- Develop impact assessment methodologies
- Initiate impact assessments

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## Questions

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