

Delta Science Program
Short-term Assistance for BDCP
9 February 2010

The Delta Science Program offers the following short-term assistance to the BDCP effort.

Review BDCP Structure/Logic Chain

Convene small group of experts/scientists to review the BDCP adaptive management and logic chain structure and provide feedback and recommendations.

This effort would involve reviewing and analyzing the logic chain which has been proposed as a framework for linking covered species recovery goals with BDCP goals, objectives, conservation measures, monitoring, and adaptive management. In addition, the team would make recommendations for determining what elements of the logic chain approach should be more fully developed. This review would also focus on next steps regarding populating the logic chain (species, habitat, processes, etc?) and the future role for scientific input.

This review would be done in direct consultation with a small group of BDCP members to ensure that recommendations are relevant and help move the process forward. BDCP members would provide background material, make presentations and provide discussion around the logic chain and the adaptive management decision making process.

The Review Team would comprise a subset of the Scientific Advisors who worked on the BDCP Adaptive Management Report to build on their familiarity with the BDCP process. Cliff Dahm and Elizabeth Soderstrom from the Delta Science Program and two of the following, including at least one with expertise in aquatic processes, would be chosen based on availability. If none of those with aquatic processes expertise is available, Lead Scientist Cliff Dahm will recommend a suitable alternate.

- o Denise Reed, University of New Orleans
- o John Wiens, PRBO Conservation Science
- o Tom Dunne, University of California, Santa Barbara
- o Wayne Spencer, Conservation Biology Institute

Timeline:

February 15-19: Finalize Charge, Contracting and Logistics
February 22-26: Provide material to panel to read in advance
March 1- 5: Travel and 2 – 2.5 days for panel meeting
March 8-12: Panel finalizes recommendations

Level of Effort:

Delta Science Program will provide staff time and expenses for Cliff Dahm and Elizabeth Soderstrom.

Salaries for 2 Reviewers = \$14,400 (2 days preparation, 2 days meetings, and 2 days follow-up = 6 days = 6 days/advisor x \$1200/day = \$7,200 per advisor x 2 advisors = \$14,400)

Travel = \$2,400 (\$1,200 per advisor x 2 advisors = \$2,400)

Total (Not to Exceed): \$18,000