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DRAFT OUTLINE CONCEPT FOR CHAPTER 9

9.0 Chapter 9 Alternatives to Take

9.1 *Introduction*

Describe purpose of chapter and regulatory requirement. Explain relationship to eventual EIR/S alternatives. Describe methods used to consider alternatives.

9.1.1 Mechanism of Impacts of the Proposed Project

This section will describe the general mechanisms by which the proposed project could impact covered species (emphasis on listed species) of fish, wildlife and plants.

9.2 *Components of Approach to Providing for Conservation*

This section will identify various components to the conservation strategy and conservation options for each component (e.g., different options for amounts/distribution of habitat restoration; different conveyance options).

9.2.1 Habitat Protection and Restoration Options

Description of options for addressing this component of a conservation strategy.

9.2.2 Fremont Weir/Yolo Bypass Improvements Options

Description of options for addressing this component of a conservation strategy.

9.2.3 North Delta Intakes: Fish Screens and Number and Location of Intakes Options

Description of options for addressing this component of a conservation strategy.

9.2.4 Conveyance Option

Description of options for addressing this component of a conservation strategy.

9.2.5 Water Operations Options

Description of options for addressing this component of a conservation strategy.

9.2.6 Other Conservation Actions Options

Description of options for addressing this component of a conservation strategy.

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9.3 Assessment of Components of Approach to Providing for Conservation

Provide comparative assessment of options for each component of conservation for avoidance/minimization of take of covered species (focus on listed species).

9.4 Development of Alternatives

Describe alternatives developed by the logical/practicable combination of conservation components.

9.5 Evaluation of Alternatives

Evaluate alternatives relative to the proposed project for 1) avoidance/minimization of take of covered species (focus on listed species), 2) practicability, and 3) project purpose.

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