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Bay Delta Conservation Plan Steering Committee Meeting

EIR/EIS Status Update

July 30, 2009

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Overview

- Accomplishments in Last Six Months
- Current Work-In-Progress
- Range of Alternatives Identified Through Scoping Process
- Environmental Documents in BDCP Study Area under Public Review

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Scoping Process

- Preliminary Scoping Report with 2008 Comments
- Public Scoping Meetings in March & April
- 2009 Scoping Comments Posted to BDCP EIR/EIS website
- Complete Scoping Report in September 2009

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Development of Alternatives

- Identified alternatives development process
- Drafted framework for alternatives development screening criteria
- Identified wide range of alternative concepts
- Preliminary review of conveyance alignments

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Field Surveys

- Completed development and documentation of field survey methodology
- Completed Spring field surveys
- Provided field survey results to BDCP for them to use to enhance species/habitat relationship models and update species accounts

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Environmental Document Development

- Developed Table of Contents
- Drafted Affected Environment/Environmental Settings sections for Delta Study Area
- Held Methodology Workshops with agencies for human and physical related discipline areas (non-biological related)

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Coordination With Other Tasks

- Provided support to DWR in environmental clearances for Temporary Entry Permits (biological and geotechnical surveys)
- Participated in development of shared GIS database
- Provided comments on HCP/NCCP Species Accounts
- Prepared Draft Permitting Handbook

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Ongoing Work Efforts

- Assisting in development of near-term restoration project level project descriptions
- Continue summer field surveys
- Initiate No Action Alternative Projects Descriptions
- Develop screening criteria and identify alternatives to the Proposed Project
- Finalize approach for Impact Assessment and Mitigation Planning
- Participate in 404 and 408 permit process planning

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Related Environmental Documents Undergoing Public Review

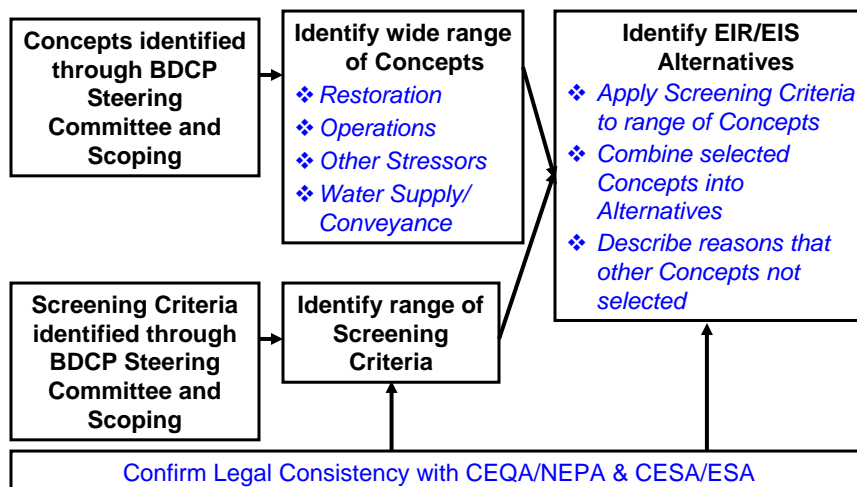
(not including temporary projects and localized projects)

Project	Status
USBR Delta-Mendota Canal/California Aqueduct Intertie	Draft EIS Comments through 8/31/09
Reclamation District 341 Mayberry Farms Subsidence Reversal Project	Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration Comments through 8/13/09
West Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency/USACE Reduce Flood Risk and Restore Habitat	Notice of Preparation/Notice of Intent Comments through 8/12/09
DWR Geotechnical Borings in Water for Informational Purposes	Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration Comments through 8/9/09

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Overall Process for Development of Alternatives



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Concepts Identified in Scoping Process Similar to those Identified by BDCP

- Supported dual purpose to restore the ecosystem and provide reliable water supplies
- Identified goals for Restoration and Other Stressor approaches and/or specific concepts
- Identified wide range of water supply conveyance/operations concepts
- Stated that alternatives should developed to minimize adverse impacts on existing communities

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Water Supply/Conveyance Concepts Identified in the Scoping Process

- Dual Conveyance
 - Eastern or Western Isolated Canal Alignments (5,000 to 15,000 cfs capacity)
 - Isolated All Tunnel Alignment (capacity varies)
 - Isolated Pipeline (2,000 to 3,000 cfs capacity)
 - Modified Through Delta Alignment (capacity varies)
 - Improved fish protection
 - Water Quality protection - including barriers
- Fully Isolated Conveyance
 - Eastern or Western Isolated Canal Alignments (5,000 to 15,000 cfs capacity)
 - Isolated All Tunnel Alignment (capacity varies)

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Water Supply/Conveyance Concepts

(continued)

- Through Delta
 - Complete Armored Alignment
 - Delta Corridors Project
 - Eco-Crescent/Middle River Project
 - Concepts would include improved fish and water quality protection - including use of barriers
- Reduced Export with Integrated Local Projects
 - Conservation, water recycling, groundwater treatment, surface water and groundwater storage, desalination, and agricultural land fallowing
 - Other Methods presented in "A Water Plan For the 21st Century: Regional Self-Sufficiency Scenario"

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