

## Revised Draft

### Framework for BDCP Terrestrial Resources (i.e., covered plants and wildlife and non-tidal terrestrial communities) Conservation Strategy

1. Focus conservation of terrestrial resources on lands that are at elevations above existing sea level and, therefore, conserved habitats would not be subject to future loss from future levee failures. This would provide for a strategy of conserving lands around the periphery of the Delta that would link with and complement habitats proposed for conservation under adjacent and overlapping plans.
2. Develop preserve design criteria around lands identified in item #1 (e.g., corridor concepts, proximity to existing habitats, restoration of historical habitat gradients).
3. Establish habitat conservation objectives within the Delta and Suisun Marsh based on the available land base and biological resources identified in item #1 following BDCP implementation (i.e., covered activities and tidal marsh, seasonally inundated, and riparian habitat restoration conservation measures). Develop goals and objectives based on review of goals and objectives for adjacent and overlapping plans and distribution of species habitat and species status within the Delta and regionally. Establish habitat preservation objectives for each species and community expressed as a percentage of habitat present in the planning area and Suisun Marsh after BDCP implementation. Habitat restoration would include sufficient restoration of wetland habitats to mitigate impacts on Section 404 wetlands. Habitat enhancement would focus on management of preserved agricultural lands (e.g., management prescriptions that improve habitat functions for associated covered species beyond normal agricultural practices).
4. Establish non-habitat conservation objectives for covered species based on review of species stressors. Objectives should only be established for actions that can reasonably be addressed by BDCP. For example, reduction or elimination of pesticide application on preserved lands.
5. Assess the adequacy of restoration objectives established for the planning area and Suisun Marsh to determine if objectives should be expanded to include habitat conservation in areas near the planning area where such conservation would complement achieving goals and objectives of adjacent plans.
6. Develop conservation measures that implement objectives.
7. Develop avoidance and minimization measures that are consistent with implementation of covered activities and conservation measures.