

## DRAFT BDCP Terrestrial Preserve Design Concepts

1. Conserve (i.e., protect, enhance, restore) natural communities and covered species habitats around the periphery of the Planning Area where land surface elevations are such that preserve lands would not be subject to future loss with inundation associated with levee failures.
2. Focus preservation on maintaining a range of contiguous ecological gradients and providing connectivity between estuarine communities of the planning area with upland and wetland communities of the Central Valley.
3. The preserve system should be as large as possible consistent with maintaining other Delta uses. The greater the extent of preserved land within the planning area will better ensure that the BDCP will address impacts of the covered activities and conservation measures and will contribute to the recovery of the covered species.
4. Areas brought into the preserve system should be of sufficient size to ensure the intended conservation benefits can be sustained over time and to be effectively managed.
5. Design the preserve system such that it complements achieving the biological goals and objectives of adjacent and overlapping conservation plans.
6. Configure preserve lands to connect with existing and proposed preserved lands within the planning area and outside of the planning area.
7. Preserve the highest quality natural communities and covered species' habitats available consistent with the BDCP implementation schedule.
8. The preserve system should include the full ecological diversity within natural communities around the periphery of the planning area (see Concept #1).
9. BDCP lands conserved within overlapping and adjoining planning areas will be located, designed, and managed such that they will be complementary in achieving the goals and objectives of those plans.