

Chapter 1 Annotated Outline

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Chapter 1. Introduction

1.1 Background

This section will describe the genesis of the BDCP including the purpose of the plan; how, who, and why it got started; process by which plan was developed, etc.

1.2 BDCP Overall Goals and Objectives

This section will describe the Planning Agreement planning and conservation goals and objectives. Also make reference to the biological goals and objectives found in chapter 3.

1.3 Regulatory Context

1.3.1 Need for the BDCP HCP/NCCP

This section will describe the applicable federal and state laws and regulations with which the HCP/BDCP is intended to comply and will list the Permit Applicants.

1.3.2 Relationship with Existing Biological Opinions

This section will describe the relationship of the BDCP to OCAP and any other applicable Biological Opinions or court rulings.

1.3.3 Relationship between the BDCP HCP/NCCP and Other Federal and State Laws and Regulations

This section will describe other federal and state laws and regulations with which the BDCP HCP/NCCP implementation may need to comply.

1.4 Scope of the BDCP HCP/NCCP

1.4.1 Geographic Scope

This section will describe the geographic scope of the BDCP HCP/NCCP, including the Planning Area and areas outside the Planning Area (Suisun Marsh and upper Yolo Basin) where conservation measures will be implemented.

1.4.2 Covered Natural Communities

This section will identify and describe the rationale for the natural communities proposed for coverage under the BDCP NCCP/HCP.

1.4.3 Covered Species

This section will summarize the covered species selection process and identify the species proposed for coverage under the BDCP HCP/NCCP.

1.4.4 Covered Activities

This section will briefly describe the types of activities to be covered under the BDCP HCP/NCCP and direct the reader to Chapter 4, *Covered Activities*, for detailed descriptions of the activities.

1.4.5 Permit Duration

This section will describe proposed duration of plan implementation and permit authorization.

1.5 Overview of the BDCP HCP/NCCP Process

1.5.1 BDCP Organization and Structure

This section will describe the Steering Committee members and the Steering Committee's role in developing the BDCP HCP/NCCP. This section would also describe participation by the Fisheries Agencies as ex-officio members and possibly the Steering Committee's coordination with other relevant programs (e.g., Delta Vision, CALFED).

1.5.2 Coordination with Agencies, Stakeholders, and Public Outreach

This section will discuss the role of state and federal agencies, stakeholders, and the public in the development of the BDCP, including agency coordination, stakeholder participation, and public involvement.

1.5.3 Integration of Science

This section will describe the independent science process that was used to inform the development of the BDCP and discuss role of the process in meeting the requirements of the NCCPA and following agency guidance relating to the ESA. This section will also describe other sources of independent science input that were solicited by the Steering Committee.

1.6 Organization of the BDCP HCP/NCCP

This section will provide a brief overview the contents of the HCP/NCCP document.