

Public Meeting

January 25, 2012

California Natural Resources Agency

- Introductions
- Meeting Purpose
- Working Group Updates

- Effects Analysis Discussion
- BDCP Chapters
- EIR/EIS Status
- Next Steps/Action Items

Working Group Updates

- Governance
- Finance
- Biological Goals and Objectives
- Yolo Bypass Fishery Enhancement
- South Delta Habitat Restoration

The image features a background of a wetland landscape with tall grasses and water, overlaid with a blue-to-green gradient and wavy patterns. A vertical bar on the left side transitions from yellow at the top to red at the bottom. The BDCP logo is located in the top left corner.

BDCP

BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN

Effects Analysis Update

Effects Analysis - Purpose

- Provide necessary information for ESA and NCCPA permitting
- Provide structural foundation for analysis of alternatives
- Determine the overall effects on covered fish and wildlife and natural communities as a result of the BDCP
- Includes only analyses for biological effects

Appendix E: Habitat Restoration

- Describes proposed restoration for covered fish species
 - Conservation Measure 4: Tidal Habitat Restoration
 - Conservation Measure 5: Floodplain Restoration
 - Conservation Measure 6: Channel Margin Habitat Restoration
 - Conservation Measure 7: Riparian Habitat Restoration

Appendix E: Habitat Restoration

- Describes expected outcomes, including likely ecological benefits based on quantitative and qualitative analyses

Appendix E: Analytical Tools and Methods

- Habitat suitability indices
 - Measures dynamic quality of habitat condition with respect to species/life stage requirements
- Habitat productivity analysis
 - Assesses potential food web enhancements that may result from proposed tidal habitat restoration activities
 - Examined two main sources of foodweb support: phytoplankton production and marsh-derived production
- Literature review

Appendix C: Flow/Passage

- Describes potential mechanisms for changes in flow
- Describes related parameters of temperature, salinity, turbidity, and dissolved oxygen
- Describes flow-related changes in passage and migration
- Evaluates effects on fish that result from changes in flows and flow-related parameters by comparing the preliminary proposal to the existing biological conditions

Appendix C: Analytical Tools and Methods

| <u>MODEL</u> | <u>PURPOSE</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CALSIM | Uses historical flow record to estimate reservoir releases and flows for Sacramento and San Joaquin River systems and Delta under various flow conditions and water project operations. |
| DSM2 | Uses CALSIM outputs to show various scenarios, such as |
| MIKE21 | Predicts water surface elevation, flow, and average velocity at each computational grid cell in the Yolo Bypass |
| Reclamation Temperature | Uses CALSIM flow and climatic model output to predict temperature in the Trinity, Feather, American, and Stanislaus River basins and upstream reservoirs |

Appendix C: Analytical Tools and Methods

| <u>MODEL</u> | <u>PURPOSE</u> |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sacramento River Water Quality Model (SRWQM) | Simulates mean daily (using 6-hour meteorology) reservoir and river temperatures at key locations on the Sacramento River based on CALSIM output |
| Sacramento Ecological Flows Tool | Links flow management actions to changes in the physical habitats for salmonids using daily flow and temperature output from the SRWQM |
| Reclamation Egg Mortality Model | Uses results of water temperature and flow modeling on the upper Sacramento River to estimate Chinook salmon egg mortality |
| SALMOD | Estimates juvenile Chinook salmon production in the upper Sacramento River, as a result of effects of flow and temperature on juvenile rearing habitat |

Appendix C: Analytical Tools and Methods

| <u>MODEL</u> | <u>PURPOSE</u> |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Delta Passage Model (DMP) | Uses coded wire tag (CWT) and acoustic tag data to estimate the proportion of Chinook salmon runs that would occur in various Delta channels and their survival during downstream migration |
| DRERIP | Uses results of scientific studies to establish conceptual models of the stressors and mechanisms that are thought to affect the population dynamics of various resident and migratory fish species, as well as habitat functions |
| Winter-Spring-X2-Longfin smelt Abundance | Used to estimate relative abundance of longfin smelt in the fall based on winter-spring X2 (as an indication of outflow) |
| Delta smelt abiotic habitat index | Used to calculate delta smelt abiotic habitat |

Appendix F: Ecological Effects

- Evaluates the conservation measures that reduce biological stressors related to:
 - Nonnative aquatic vegetation
 - Predatory fish species
 - Illegal harvest
 - Small population size/conservation hatcheries for smelt

Appendix F: Ecological Effects

- Examines the effects of implementation of 3 BDCP conservation measures (CMs) designed to address these four key biological stressors:
 - CM13: Nonnative Aquatic Vegetation Control
 - CM15: Invasive Predator Removal
 - CM 18: Conservation Hatcheries

Appendix F: Analytical Tools and Methods

- Qualitative evaluation of potential outcomes (beneficial and negative) of the conservation measures
- Scientific literature; consultations with local experts; and conceptual models of key processes, habitats, and covered fish species
- Models developed previously by the CALFED Bay-Delta Program Ecosystem Restoration Program (ERP) as part of DRERIP scientific evaluation

Appendix D: Toxins

- Describes the toxic constituents currently present in the Delta aquatic ecosystem
 - Mercury and methylmercury
 - Selenium
 - Copper
 - Ammonia/um
 - Pesticides

Appendix D: Toxins

- Identifies and assesses changes in toxins that could result from implementation of the preliminary proposal
- Describes how changes could result in changes in exposure of covered fish species to toxins
- Analysis focuses only on changes in toxins that are directly attributable to the preliminary proposal actions that could affect covered fish species

Appendix D: Analytical Tools and Methods

- Qualitative analyses based on conceptual models of fate and transport of the toxins evaluated
- Quantitative analyses are used to supplement qualitative selenium and mercury analyses

BDCP Chapters Update

Ch. 2: Existing Ecological Conditions

- Provides context through a description of historical ecological conditions in the Delta, as well as a description of existing conditions in both the physical environment and in natural communities
- *What has changed since 2010 Working Draft*
 - Minor edits throughout
 - Added references

Ch. 4: Covered Activities

- Describes activities for which regulatory agencies will provide necessary permits as a result of the project proponents agreeing to implement the conservation plan

Ch. 4: Covered Activities

- *What has changed since 2010 Working Draft*
 - Clarifies that near-term operations not covered
 - Adds detail on new water conveyance infrastructure construction and maintenance consistent with EIR/EIS
 - Adds decommissioning or screening of non-project diversions throughout the Delta
 - Adds continued operation of Cache Slough diversions of those remaining
 - Emergency actions no longer covered

Ch. 6: Plan Implementation

- Identifies implementation schedule for each conservation measure
- Describes regulatory assurances under ESA and NCCPA expected to be provided
- Describes commitment of the Implementation Board to respond to foreseeable changes in circumstances that may adversely affect covered species and habitats
- Identifies circumstances for plan amendments
- Identifies circumstances under which regulatory authorizations may be suspended or revoked

Ch. 6: Plan Implementation

- *What has changed since 2010 Working Draft*
 - Changed circumstances completely revised (some added, some eliminated)
 - Levee failure
 - Flooding
 - Failure of water operations infrastructure
 - New species listing
 - Wildfire
 - Toxic or hazardous spill
 - Nonnative invasive species
 - Climate change

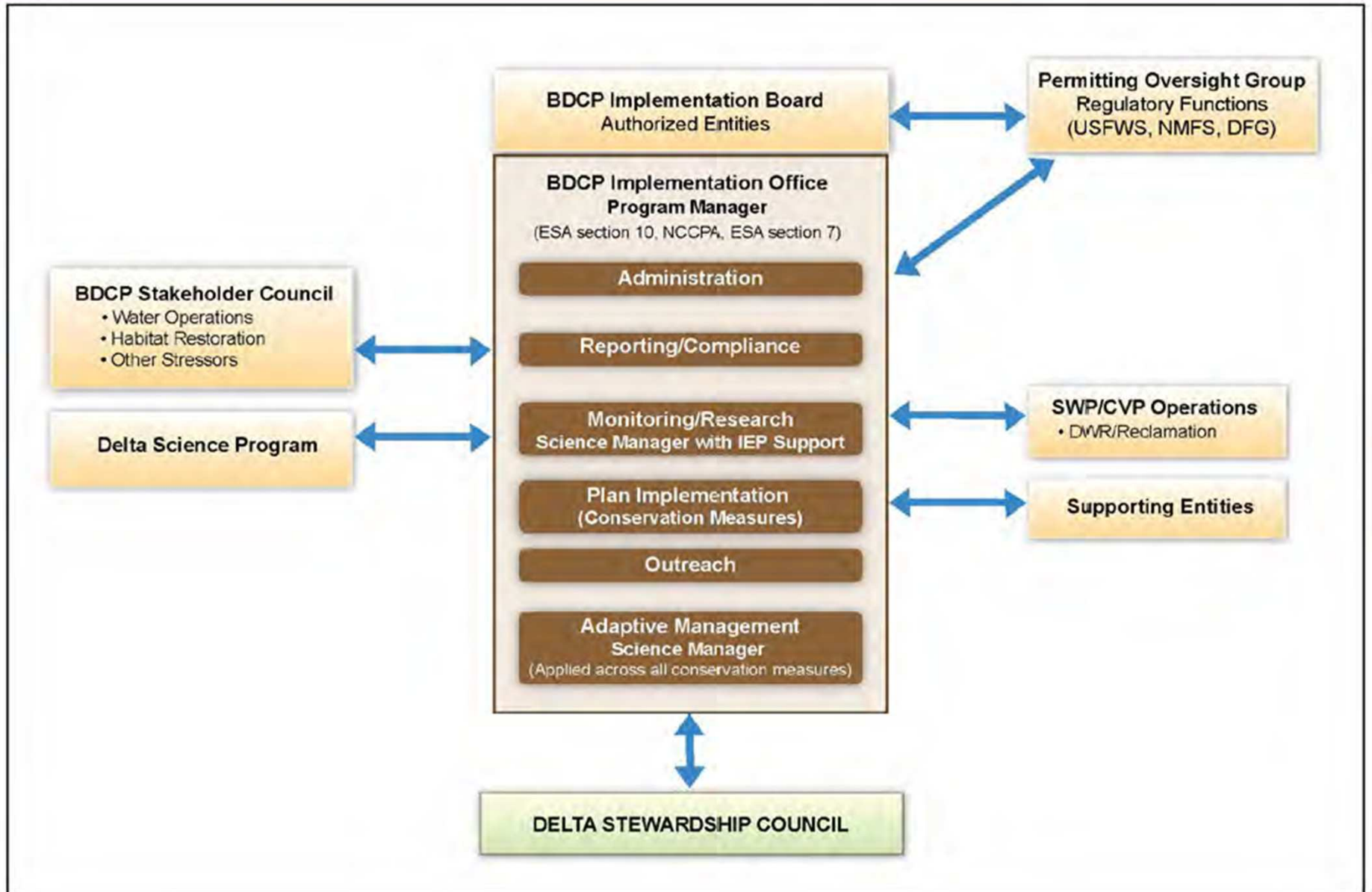
Ch. 7: Implementation Structure

- Describes compliance monitoring and reporting procedures, requested regulatory assurances, changed circumstances and remedial measures, approach to addressing unforeseen circumstances, permit amendment procedures, and the expected implementation schedule

Ch. 7: Implementation Structure

- *What has changed since 2010 Working Draft*
 - Clarified roles of Implementation Board, Implementation Office, and Program Manager
 - New term “Proposed Authorized Entities” = DWR, participating water contractors, Bureau
 - Clarified role of Permit Oversight Group (fish and wildlife agencies)

Implementation Structure



Governance Working Group

- Three meetings of the Governance Working Group to date
- Currently reviewing and revising Chapter 7
- Next meeting
 - January 26, 2012 - 1:00 PM
 - Resources Building, Room 422

Governance Working Group - Critical Issues

- BDCP implementation
 - Roles and responsibilities
 - Operators
 - Water contractors
 - Other Stakeholder Groups
 - Stakeholder Committee
 - Make-up
 - Authority
 - Dispute Resolution Policies
- Implementing Adaptive Management Strategies

Ch. 9: Alternatives to Take

- Describes alternatives to the BDCP that would reduce the amount of "take" of covered fish and wildlife species
- *What has changed since 2010 Working Draft*
 - Regulatory basis
 - Proposed methods and framework for analysis
 - Proposed alternatives to take

Independent Science Integration

- Describes the role of independent scientific advice used to guide the development of the BDCP
- *What has changed since 2010 Working Draft*
 - Updated milestones for science review:
 - National Research Council Reports
 - Independent Science Advisors for Fish Goals and Objectives
 - Delta Science Panel review of Effects Analysis (one completed, one to come)

- Chapters being updated based on comments from agencies and public
- Remaining and revised chapters released February 27
 - Chapter 3: Conservation Strategy
 - Chapter 5: Effects Analysis
 - Chapter 8: Cost and Funding

Preliminary Draft Documents Available

- Preliminary Draft documents are available
- Subject to change
- Does not take the place of formal “public review”
- Only formal public comments submitted during the official 90-day comment period on the Draft BDCP will be responded to, in writing, as part of the Final BDCP
- Draft BDCP and Draft EIR/EIS will be released together

BDCP Documents Available

| Document | Date Available |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chapter 2 - Existing Ecological Conditions• Chapter 4 - Covered Activities• Chapter 6 - Plan Implementation• Chapter 7 - Implementation Structures• Chapter 9 - Alternatives to Take• Chapter 10 - Integration of Independent Science into BDCP | December 8, 2011 |
| Effects Analysis - Technical Appendices (Conceptual Foundation, Analytical Framework, Entrainment, Fish Population Analysis) | December 12, 2011 |
| Effects Analysis - Technical Appendix (Flow) | December 14, 2011 |
| Effects Analysis - Technical Appendix (Ecological Effects) | December 16, 2011 |
| Effects Analysis - Technical Appendix (Toxins) | January 6, 2012 |
| Chapter 1 - Introduction | January 11, 2012 |

BDCP Documents Still to Come

Documents

Date Available

Effects Analysis - Technical Appendix (Habitat Restoration)

January 13, 2012

Chapter 3 - Conservation Strategy

February 27, 2012

Chapter 5 - Effects Analysis

Chapter 8 - Implementation Costs and Funding Sources

Effects Analysis - Technical Appendix (Construction Effects
on Covered Fish)

February 27, 2012

Public Draft BDCP HCP/NCCP

June 29, 2012

Bay Delta Conservation Plan Environmental Impact Report/Statement Update

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January 25, 2012

Presentation Outline

- Overview
- Alternatives
- BDCP EIR/EIS status
- Next Steps

- 2010 Developed preliminary range of alternatives
- 2011 Evaluated and developed additional alternative concepts
- 2011 Prepared preliminary draft analysis for various resource areas
- 2012 Continue to develop evaluation

Alternative Concepts Include Three Components

- Restoration Components
- Measures to Reduce Other Stressors Components
- Conveyance Components
 - Isolated Conveyance
 - Dual Conveyance
 - Through Delta Conveyance

Current Range of Alternatives

| Alternative | Alignment/ Conveyance | Intakes | ND Diversions | Operation | Restoration |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1A | Tunnel/dual | 5 | 15,000 cfs | BDCP SC | BDCP SC |
| 1B, 1C | East canal/dual West canal/dual | 5 | 15,000 cfs | BDCP SC | BDCP SC |
| 2A | Tunnel/dual | 5 | 15,000 cfs | Scenario 6 w/ Fall X2 | BDCP SC |
| 2B, 2C | East canal/dual West canal/dual | 5 | 15,000 cfs | Scenario 6 w/ Fall X2 | BDCP SC |
| 3 | Tunnel/dual | 2 | 6,000 cfs | BDCP SC | BDCP SC |
| 4 | Tunnel/dual | 3 | 9,000 cfs | Scenario 6 w/ Fall X2 | BDCP SC |
| 5 | Tunnel/dual | 1 | 3,000 cfs | ND BDCP SC SD existing Bos | BDCP SC 25,000 ac Tidal Marsh |
| 6A | Tunnel/isolated | 5 | 15,000 cfs | BDCP SC w/ Fall X2 No SD intakes | BDCP SC |
| 6B, 6C | East canal/isolated West canal/isolated | 5 | 15,000 cfs No SD intakes | BDCP SC w/ Fall X2 | BDCP SC |
| 7 | Tunnel/dual | 3 | 9,000 cfs | BDCP SC, modified | BDCP SC, modified |
| 8 | Tunnel/dual | 3 | 9,000 cfs | ≤ 1.5 MAF IDO | BDCP SC |
| 9 | Through Delta | DCC and Georgiana Slough channel modification | 15,000 cfs | BDCP SC | BDCP SC |

Environmental Review Process

The EIR/EIS evaluates the effects of the conservation plan on both the natural (biological) and the human environment. This will include addressing impacts to:

- **Water Supply**
- **Surface Water**
- **Groundwater**
- **Water Quality**
- **Geology and Seismicity**
- **Soils**
- **Fish and Aquatic Resources**
- **Terrestrial Biological Resources**
- **Land Use**
- **Agriculture**
- **Recreation**
- **Socioeconomics**
- **Visual Resources**
- **Cultural and Historic Resources**
- **Transportation**
- **Public Services and Utilities**
- **Energy**
- **Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Emissions**
- **Noise**
- **Hazards and Hazardous Materials**
- **Public Health**
- **Mineral Resources**
- **Paleontological Resources**
- **Environmental Justice**
- **Climate Change**
- **Growth Inducement**

Milestone

Date

- Lead Agency meetings Weekly
- Batch A Chapters to Lead Agencies
1-4, 13, 15, 19, 30 November 11, 2011
- Batch B-1 Chapters to Lead Agencies
9, 10, 14, 17, 18, 22, 27, 29 December 7, 2011
- Batch A Chapters posted to BDCP Website December 8, 2011
- Batch B-1 Chapters posted BDCP Website December 8, 2011
- Batch B-2 Chapters Released to Lead Agencies
and posted to BDCP Website
20, 21, 23, 24, 26 December 14, 2011

Batch C Chapters Released to Lead Agencies and posted to BDCP Website February 27, 2012 (Chapters 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 16, 25, 28, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37)

CEQA Agency Review Process for Administrative DEIR/S

February 27: Batch A and B transmitted for comment to Responsible and Trustee Agencies

May 9, 2012: Batch C transmitted for comment to Responsible and Trustee Agencies

NEPA Agency Review Process for Administrative DEIR/S

February 27: Batch A and B transmitted for comment to Cooperating Agencies

May 9, 2012: Batch C transmitted for comment to Cooperating Agencies

Batch A Chapters

- 1 - Introduction
- 2 - Project Objectives and P&N
- 3 - Alternatives Description
- 4 - Approach to Environmental Analysis
- 13 - Land Use
- 15 - Recreation
- 19 - Transportation
- 30 - Growth Inducement

Batch B1 Chapters

- 9 - Geology & Seismicity
- 10 - Soils
- 14 - Agriculture Resources
- 17 - Visual Resources
- 18 - Cultural and Historic Resources
- 22 - Air Quality and GHG
- 27 - Paleontological Resources
- 29 - Climate Change

Batch B2 Chapters

- 20 - Public Services & Utilities
- 21 - Energy Resources
- 23 - Noise
- 24 - Hazards and Hazardous
Materials
- 26 - Mineral Resources

Batch C Chapters

- 5 - Water Supply
- 6 - Surface Water
- 7 - Groundwater
- 8 - Water Quality
- 11 - Fish and Aquatic Resources
- 12 - Terrestrial Biological Resources
- 16 - Socioeconomics
- 25 - Public Health
- 28 - Environmental Justice
- 31 - CEQA Effects
- 32 - Other CEQA/NEPA Required Sections
- 33 - Public Involvement
- 34 - List of Preparers
- 35 - References
- 36 - Acronyms and Abbreviations
- 37 - Glossary

- Review of significant discussion items
- Action Items for further consideration
- Next Meeting
 - February 29, 2012
 - Pagoda Building