

BDCP

BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) PROCESS

The Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) is being prepared through a collaboration of state, federal, and local water agencies, state and federal fish agencies, environmental organizations, and other interested parties. These organizations have formed the BDCP Steering Committee. The BDCP will identify a set of water supply and habitat improvement actions to contribute to the recovery of endangered and sensitive species and their habitats in the Delta. The BDCP will provide for both species/habitat protection and improved reliability of water supplies. In order to pick the best elements of the overall final conservation plan, the BDCP will consider a range of options for accomplishing these goals using information developed as part of the environmental review process.

Potential habitat restoration and water supply conveyance options will be assessed as part of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the BDCP.

ABOUT THE BDCP EIR/EIS PROCESS

State and federal agencies will prepare a draft Environmental Impact Report (state)/Environmental Impact Statement (federal) that evaluates a range of habitat conservation and water conveyance options in the Delta.

The EIR/EIS will evaluate the potential effects on a wide range of factors, including effects on communities, cultural resources, and the physical and biological environment. Throughout the EIR/EIS process, members of the public will have opportunities to attend public meetings, submit comments and ask questions.

The EIR/EIS will:

- ▶ Fulfill the requirements of the:
 - ✓ California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
 - ✓ National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- ▶ Describe the proposed action
- ▶ For CEQA compliance: Describe the proposed project, identify its significant environmental impacts, and develop reasonable mitigation measures and alternatives to eliminate or reduce such impacts
- ▶ For NEPA compliance: Describe reasonable range of alternatives and mitigation that would avoid or minimize adverse impacts or enhance the environment
- ▶ Analyze the environmental effect of the proposed action and the alternatives
- ▶ Support future regulatory actions or approval
- ▶ Serve as a decision document as well as a disclosure document

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) will serve as the lead agency, and the California Department of Fish and Game will serve as a cooperating agency under CEQA. The National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation will serve as co-lead agencies under NEPA.



For more information about the BDCP EIR/EIS, visit :
<http://www.water.ca.gov/deltainit/bdcp.cfm>

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Plan Development

EVALUATE ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES
IMPACT ASSESSMENT
REFINE BIOLOGICAL GOALS & OBJECTIVES

COST & FUNDING
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
IMPLEMENTATION ORGANIZATION
FURTHER ANALYSIS & MODELING

PRELIMINARY DRAFT BDCP

PUBLIC DRAFT BDCP

PUBLIC REVIEW

FINAL BDCP

PUBLIC REVIEW

SIGNED IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT

PERMIT DECISION

Outreach

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

WEBSITE REVAMPED
INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

GUIDE TO PUBLIC ISSUES & INPUT

PUBLIC MEETINGS

GUIDE TO PUBLIC ISSUES & INPUT (UPDATED)

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC COMMENT

SECRETARY CHRISMAN MEETINGS WITH DELTA OFFICIALS

COMMUNITY BRIEFINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

ONGOING LANDOWNER COORDINATION AND OUTREACH - WEB SITE, DELTA E-NEWS UPDATES, NEWS MEDIA UPDATES - UPDATE STAKEHOLDER LOG

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS (every other Friday, toll-free conference call access) - WORKING GROUP AND TECHNICAL TEAM MEETINGS (toll-free conference call access)

Environmental Review

REVISED NOI/NOP

SCOPING

ASSESS EFFECTS ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

IDENTIFY PROJECT ALTERNATIVES
EVALUATE CONSERVATION MEASURES

EVALUATE ALTERNATIVES

IDENTIFY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

PUBLIC DRAFT EIS/EIR

PUBLIC REVIEW

FINAL EIS/EIR

PUBLIC REVIEW

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

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