BDCP
Conservation Strategy
Progress, Next Steps, Schedule

Steering Committee Meeting
March 9, 2007
Progress of the Conservation Strategy Subgroup

- February 9 Meeting
  - definitions of terms
  - descriptions of deliverables
  - process and schedule for developing the Conservation Strategy
Progress of the Conservation Strategy Subgroup

• February 26 Meeting
  - List of 7 potential Conservation Strategy Alternatives (CSA’s): key elements, benefits, constraints
  - Conservation goals drawn from Planning Agreement
Progress of the Conservation Strategy Subgroup

- March 5 Meeting
  - Addition of 2 CSA’s
  - Comparison of CSA’s relative to Conservation Goals
  - Comparison of CSA’s relative to Stressors
  - Comparison of CSA’s relative to Covered Species benefits
  - Initiated discussion of potential screening criteria
Next Steps - March

- Identify key conservation “themes” based on biological stressors and ecological processes critical to covered species. Examples:
  - Improve habitat through fluctuating salinity
  - Reduce mortality associated with entrainment
  - Others

- Use conservation themes to guide discussions of CSA’s and to adjust as needed.
Next Steps – March

- Develop matrix of biological stressors and covered species
  - Biologist team from SAIC/Hanson, PREs, Fishery Agencies, NGOs
  - Review biological basis for themes and stressors
  - Fill all cells of matrix relating stressors to each covered fish species
Next Steps – March/April

• Identify screening criteria to winnow list of CSA’s. Based on:
  – Conservation Goals
  – Planning Goals
  – Economic Considerations
Next Steps – March/April

• Formation of process for independent science input and review
  - Meeting of Science Subgroup – March 20
  - Input from BDCP biologists as to where we need additional science input
  - Assessment of approaches to science input
Conservation Strategy Development
Schedule for 2007

• Develop Conservation Themes - March
• Maintain or expand list of CSAs (9 or more)
• Develop Screening Criteria – March/April
• Reduce list of CSA’s (3) - April
• Add detail to CSA descriptions - May
• Assess relative benefits & costs of CSAs - May
• Dovetail one or more CSAs with Covered Activities - June
• Develop Conservation Strategy Framework – (1 CSA) November-December