



# 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 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