EIR/EIS Scoping Meeting
April & May 2008
Presentation Overview

- About the Delta
- Related Planning Efforts
- About the BDCP
- About the EIR/EIS
- Public Participation Opportunities
Why is the Delta Important?

Confluence of CA's two largest watersheds
- Sacramento River and San Joaquin River
- Influenced by daily tides

Unique habitat
- 750 plant and animal species
- More than 40 threatened and endangered species

Economy and infrastructure
- Agriculture, recreation, transportation, energy reserves, flood protection

Water conveyance
- SWP and CVP, drinking water for 25 million people
- Irrigation for ~3 million acres of farmland
What’s Broken in the Delta?

- Natives species in decline
- Significant loss of habitat
- Aging levees
- Exported water unreliable
100 Year Vision and 50 Year Strategy
BDCP and Related Planning Efforts

Delta Vision
*Independent Commission*
- Land use, groundwater management, water conservation, recreation, governance, flood protection
  - Water supply
  - Ecosystem restoration

BDCP
*Stakeholder collaboration*
- Conservation plan with regulatory outcome
  - Water supply
  - Ecosystem restoration

Interim measures
Near term measures
Long term measures
BDCP Permit Term (50 years)

CALFED
Data informing Delta Vision and BDCP

DRMS

Federal efforts: ESA Recovery Plans
Other efforts: SWRCB
About the HCPs and NCCPs

Habitat Conservation Plan

Natural Community Conservation Plan
Benefits of Regional Conservation Planning

- Comprehensive
- Open and public process
- Voluntary
- Collaborative
- Flexible
- Science-based
- Reliable funding
About the Bay Delta Conservation Plan

- BDCP Intent
- What BDCP Will and Will Not Do
- Covered Activities & Covered Species
- Planning Area
At risk Delta species and their habitats

Water supplies
### About the BDCP

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<td>- Provide comprehensive conservation / restoration</td>
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<td>- Provide basis for permits</td>
<td>- Address all the stressors that may affect Covered Species (such as ocean conditions)</td>
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<td>- Identify sources of funding</td>
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<td>- Adapt as conditions change</td>
<td>- Affect authority of existing land use jurisdictions</td>
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Covered Activities and Species

• Developed as a part of the NCCP/HCP planning process
• Several fish species
• Terrestrial species will be considered
• Activities related primarily to SWP/CVP
About the Bay Delta Conservation Plan

Process to Date

Schedule
BDCP Steering Committee

PREs
- Department of Water Resources
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Santa Clara Valley Water District
- Kern County Water Agency
- Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
- San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority
- Mirant Energy
- Westlands Water District
- Zone 7 Water Agency

Fish Agencies
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- CA Department of Fish and Game
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- "Ex Officio status"

Environmental organization
- American Rivers
- Defenders of Wildlife
- Environmental Defense Fund
- Natural Heritage Institute
- The Bay Institute
- The Nature Conservancy

Other organization
- California Farm Bureau Federation
- California Resources Agency
- Contra Costa Water District
About the BDCP

Environmental Review
- 2008
- 2009
- 2010
- NOTICE OF ADEQUACY
- PUBLIC REVIEW
- FINAL EIR
- PUBLIC REVIEW
- PERMIT DECISION
- PUBLIC HEARING
- PUBLIC MEETING
- PUBLIC HEARING
- PUBLIC COMMENT
- PUBLIC MEETING
- PUBLIC MEETING
- TOWN HALL MEETINGS, WEB SITE, SPOTLIGHT BRIEFS, E-MAIL UPDATES, NEWS MEDIA UPDATES

Plan Development
- GOALS & OBJECTIVES
- DEVELOPMENT OF CONSERVATION STRATEGIES
- DEVELOPMENT OF ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT PLAN
- CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES
- IMPACT ASSESSMENT
- IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
- APPOINTED ORGANIZATION
- TEST IMPACT GROUP
- PUBLIC HEARING
- PUBLIC HEARING
- PUBLIC REVIEW
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Outreach
- PUBLIC HEARING
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For More Information Visit http://www.resources.ca.gov/bdcp/
About the EIR/EIS

- Purpose of the EIR/EIS
- Why an EIR/EIS is Needed
- Purpose of Scoping
- Scoping Comments Sought
Purpose of the EIR/EIS

- Describe proposed action and reasonable range of alternatives
- Study and evaluate potential impacts on the environment
- Identify mitigation
- Follow legal guidelines
  - CEQA
  - NEPA
Major Decisions of Lead, Responsible and Cooperating Agencies

- HCP & Incidental Take Permit approval
- NCCP & Incidental Take Permit approval
- HCP and NCCP Implementation
- Biological Opinions
- 2081 permit
- Water Quality Control Plan and Water Right permit updates
- Corps of Engineers permits
Purpose of Scoping

The purpose of scoping is to solicit early input from the public and public agencies.

Scoping Issues – Comment Topics
- Extent of the action
- Reasonable range of alternatives
- Methodologies for impact analysis
- Types of impacts to evaluate
- Potential mitigation strategies
## Public Participation Opportunities

**EIR/EIS**
- Additional scoping meetings
- Public meetings
- DWR Web site
- Informational material

**BDCP Development**
- Community workshops
- Steering committee meetings
- Local presentations
- BDCP Web site
- Informational material
• About your comments
  – 3 minutes each
  – Questions collected for FAQ
  – Panelists are here to listen and hear your comments
  – Comments are being recorded; will be transcribed
  – Written comments due May 30, 2008