

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.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

Scoping meetings have been scheduled to gather input on the environmental review of the BDCP.

Meetings will be held in the following locations:

CHICO Monday, March 9, 2009 – 6pm-10pm Chico Masonic Family Center 1110 West East Avenue, Chico, CA 95926	LOS ANGELES Thursday, March 12, 2009 – 1pm-4pm Junipero Serra State Building 320 West Fourth, Los Angeles, CA 90013	DAVIS Wednesday, March 18, 2009 – 6pm-10pm Veterans Memorial Center 203 East 14th Street, Davis, CA 95616	STOCKTON Tuesday, March 24, 2009 – 6pm-10pm Stockton Civic Memorial Auditorium 525 North Center Street, Stockton, CA 95202
SAN JOSE Tuesday, March 10, 2009 – 6pm-10pm San Jose Marriott 301 South Market Street, San Jose, CA 95113	SAN DIEGO Monday, March 16, 2009 – 6pm-10pm Marina Village Conference Center 1936 Quivera Way, San Diego, CA 92109	SACRAMENTO Thursday, March 19, 2009 – 1pm-4pm Hyatt Regency Sacramento 1209 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814	FAIRFIELD Wednesday, March 25, 2009 – 6pm-10pm Hilton Garden Inn 2200 Gateway Court, Fairfield, California 94533
BAKERSFIELD Wednesday, March 11, 2009 – 6pm-10pm Bakersfield Marriott at the Convention Center 801 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California 93301	MERCED Tuesday, March 17, 2009 – 6pm-10pm Merced High School 205 West Olive Ave., Merced, CA 95344	BRENTWOOD Monday, March 23, 2009 – 6pm-10pm Brentwood Community Multipurpose Room 730 Third Street, Brentwood, CA, 94513	CLARKSBURG Thursday, March 26, 2009 – 6pm-10pm Clarksburg Community Church 52910 Netherlands Ave, Clarksburg, CA 95612

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

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PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND EIR/EIS PROCESS & SCHEDULE

2008

2009

2010

Environmental Review

NOI/NOP

SCOPING

ASSESS EFFECTS ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

EVALUATE CONSERVATION MEASURES

EVALUATE ALTERNATIVES

PUBLIC DRAFT EIS/EIR

PUBLIC REVIEW

FINAL EIS/EIR

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Plan Development

EXISTING CONDITIONS

DEVELOPMENT OF CONSERVATION MEASURES

DRAFT CONSERVATION STRATEGY

ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES

COST & FUNDING

PRIMER BORRADOR DEL BDCP

PUBLIC DRAFT BDCP

PUBLIC REVIEW

FINAL BDCP

SIGNED IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

DEVELOPMENT OF ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

COVERED ACTIVITIES

IMPACT ASSESSMENT

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

IMPLEMENTATION ORGANIZATION

PUBLIC REVIEW

PUBLIC REVIEW

PUBLIC COMMENT

PERMIT DECISION

Outreach

PRELIMINARY PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

LANDOWNER INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

PUBLIC UPDATE MEETINGS

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

PUBLIC MEETINGS

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT

INTRO TO BDCP

ONGOING LANDOWNER COORDINATION AND OUTREACH

TOWN HALL MEETINGS, WEB SITE UPDATES, E-MAIL UPDATES, AND NEWS MEDIA UPDATES

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS (every other Friday; toll-free conference call access) - STEERING COMMITTEE WORKSHOPS (as needed, open to public)

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [HTTP://WWW.RESOURCES.CA.GOV/BDCP/](http://www.resources.ca.gov/bdcp/) OR [HTTP://WWW.WATER.CA.GOV/DELTA/IT/BDCP/CFM](http://www.water.ca.gov/delta/it/bdcp/cfm)