

BDCP
BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN

**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

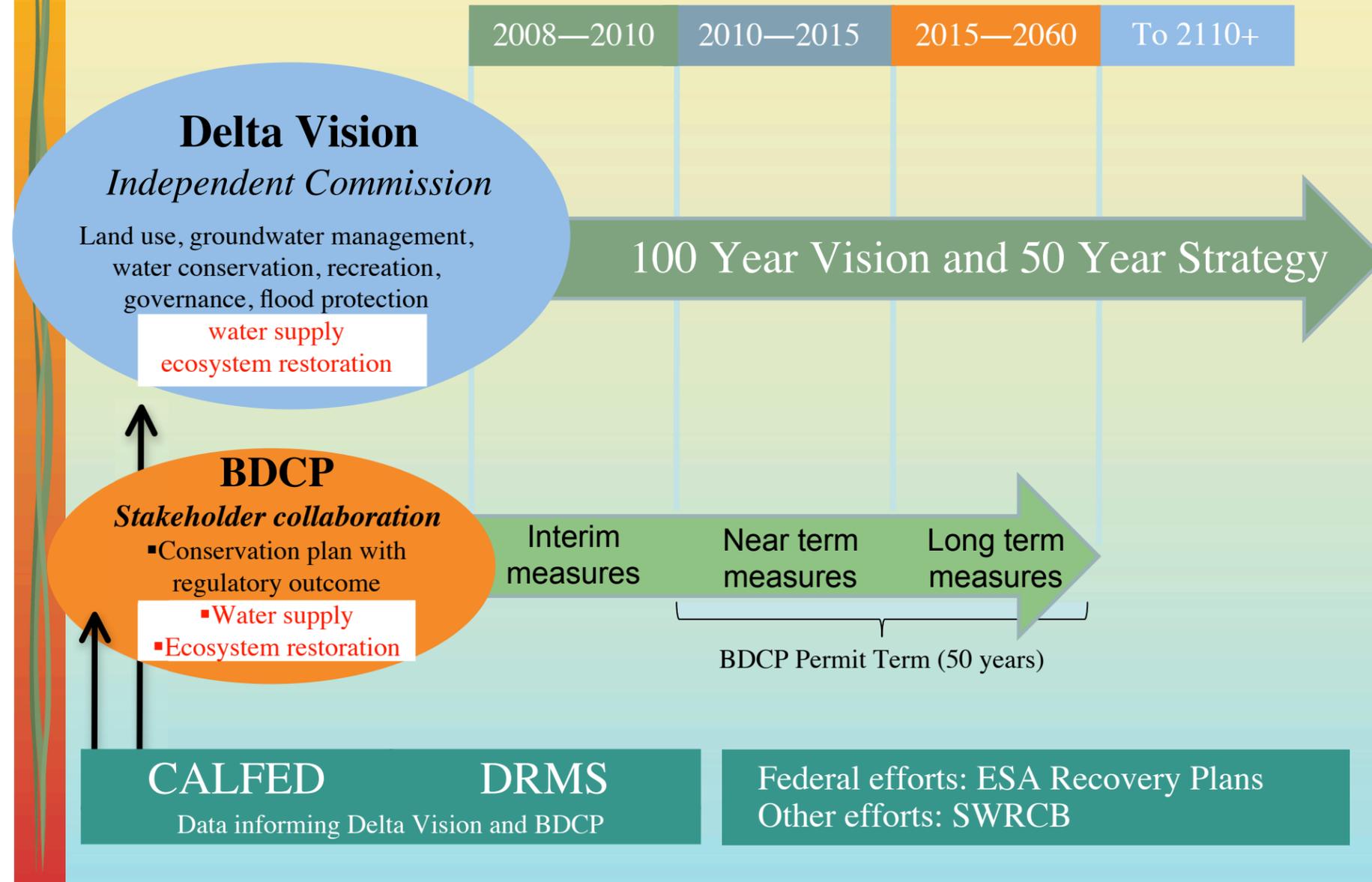
Significant loss of habitat



Aging levees

Exported water unreliable

BDCP and Related Planning Efforts



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

- **BDCP Will:**

- Provide comprehensive conservation / restoration
- Provide basis for permits
- Identify sources of funding
- Adapt as conditions change
- Streamline permitting

- **BDCP Will Not:**

- Solve all environmental challenges in the Delta
- Address all the stressors that may affect Covered Species (such as ocean conditions)
- Eliminate other permitting requirements
- Affect authority of existing land use jurisdictions

Covered Activities and Species

- Developed as a part of the NCCCP/HCP planning process
- Several fish species
- Terrestrial species will be considered
- Activities related primarily to SWP/CVP

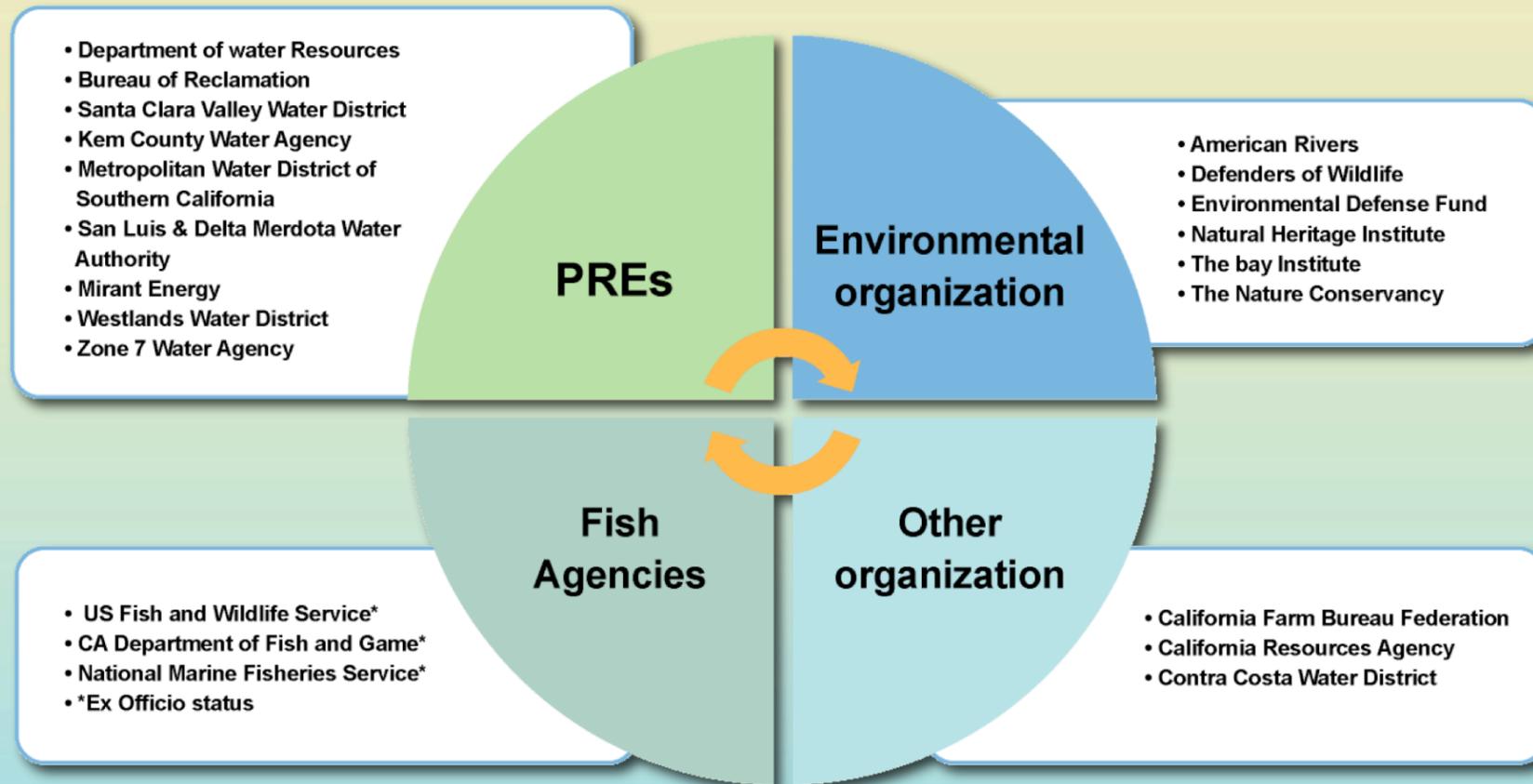


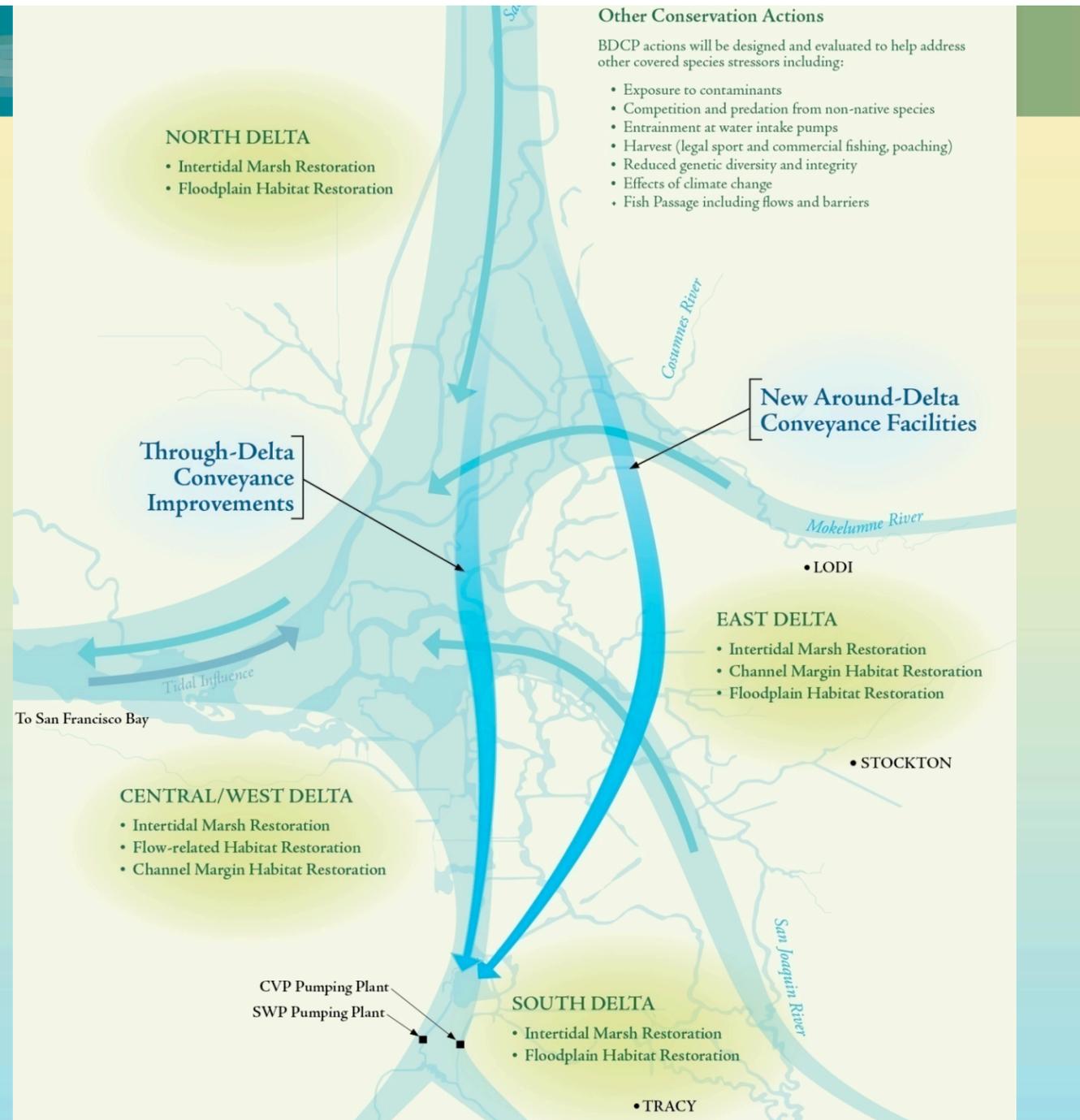
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Process to Date

Schedule

BDCP Steering Committee



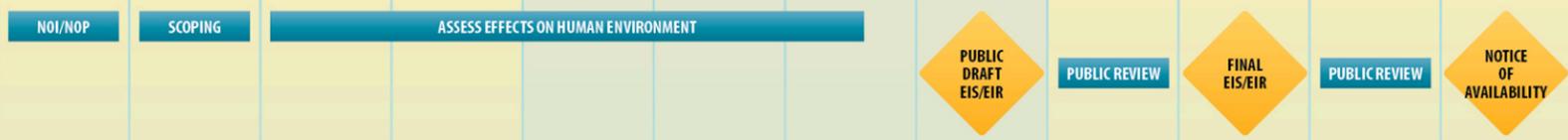


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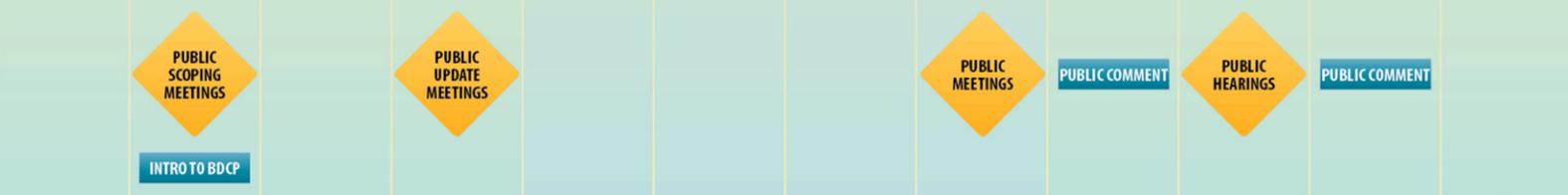
Environmental Review



Plan Development



Outreach



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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