

Environmental Review *of the* Bay Delta Conservation Plan

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California Water Issues Forum

Overview

- Work-In-Progress
- Potential alternatives identified through Scoping



Environmental Document Development

- Preparing the draft "Affected Environment/ Environmental Settings" sections
- Developing methodology for human and physical-related assessments
- Preparing draft Environmental Permitting Handbook
- Completed field survey methodologies and conducting environmental field surveys
- Developing "No Action Alternative" projections
- Participating in permit process planning, including 404 and 408 Permits

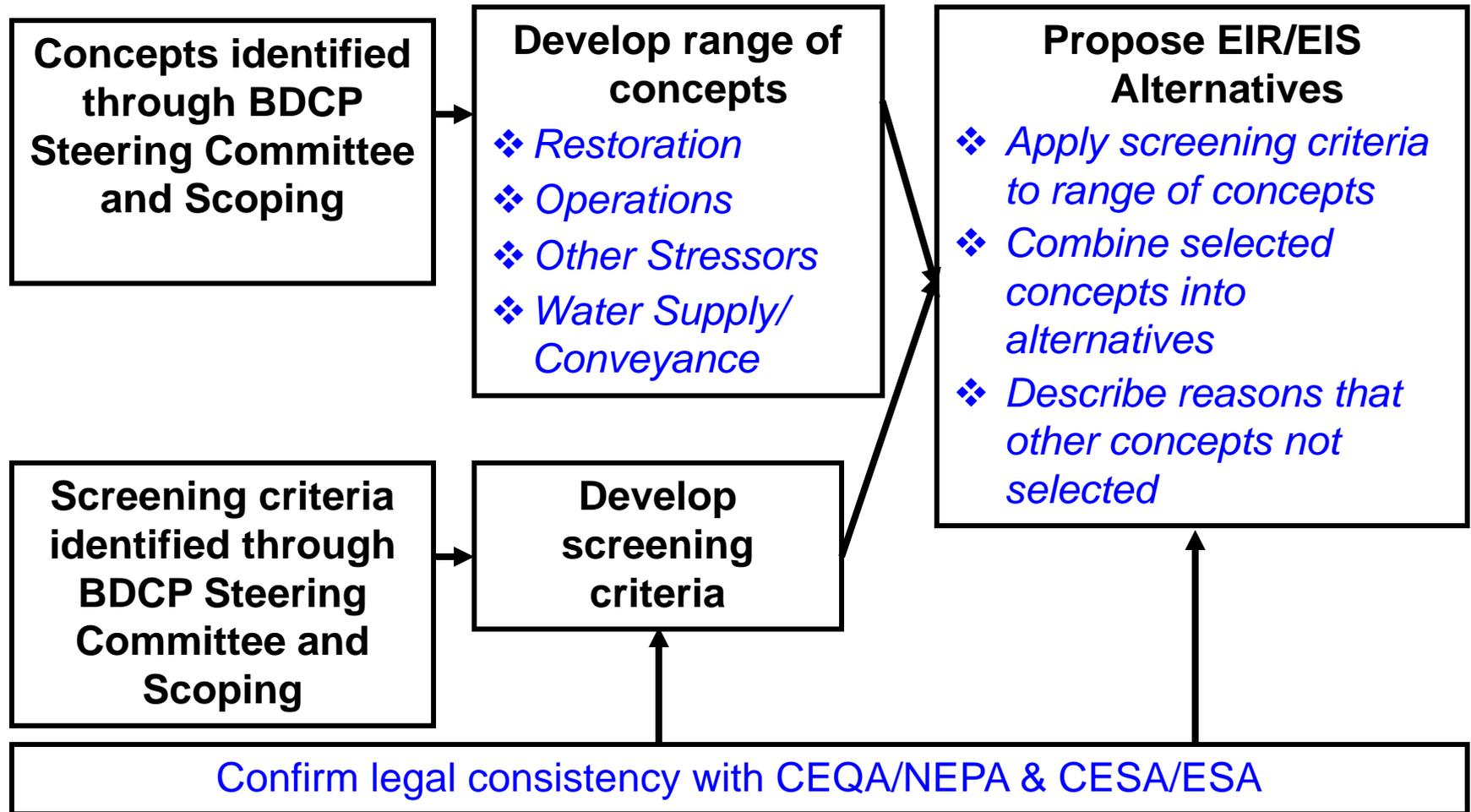


Scoping Process

- Completed 2008 Preliminary Scoping Report
- Conducted additional Scoping Meetings in March & April 2009
- Posted Scoping Comments on Bay Delta Conservation Plan Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) website
- Preparing draft Scoping Report



Overall Process for Development of Alternatives



Concepts Identified in Scoping were Similar to those Identified by BDCP

- Supported dual purpose to restore the ecosystem and provide reliable water supplies
- Identified goals for habitat restoration and other stressor approaches and/or specific concepts
- Identified wide range of water supply conveyance/operations concepts
- Stated that alternatives should be developed to minimize adverse impacts on existing communities



Water Supply/Conveyance Concepts Identified in the Scoping Process

- Dual Conveyance (capacity varies)
 - Eastern or Western Canal alignments
 - All-Tunnel or Pipeline alignments
 - Modified Through-Delta alignments with improved fish and water quality protection
 - Sacramento Deep Water Ship Channel alignment
- Fully Isolated Conveyance (capacity varies)
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Water Supply/Conveyance Concepts - *continued*

- Through-Delta
 - Armored alignment with reliability similar to isolated conveyance
 - Delta Corridors project
 - Eco-Crescent/Middle River project
 - Other concepts with improved fish and water quality protection - including use of several barrier configurations
- Reduced Export with Local Projects
 - Conservation, recycling, groundwater treatment, storage, and desalination
 - Other methods including methods in "A Water Plan For the 21st Century: Regional Self-Sufficiency Scenario"