BDCP
BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN

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BDCP Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) Fast Facts

The BDCP Draft EIR/EIS is...

An analysis of BDCP and its alternatives' negative and beneficial impacts on the human environment, and actions to avoid or minimize negative impacts, with the goal of improving the Delta ecosystem and ensuring reliable water supplies for 25 million Californians.

Environmental Analysis Objectives

DEVELOP REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES to meet the purpose and need and avoid or minimize impacts

ANALYZE Environmental impacts

DEVELOP MITIGATION MEASURES to reduce or avoid impacts

EVALUATE Economic impacts

PREPARE INFORMATION for public and stakeholder review and comment

DISCLOSE project impacts, mitigation, and public comments to decision-makers

Robust, Science Driven Screening Process

Alternatives evaluated in the Draft EIR/EIS must:

1. Be feasible and reasonable
2. Meet project objectives
3. Avoid or substantially reduce significant impacts

FIRST SCREENING LEVEL Identify Alternatives

SECOND SCREENING LEVEL Avoid or lessen environmental impacts and address significant issues

THIRD SCREENING LEVEL Define potentially feasible and reasonable alternatives

SCREENING FOR CONSISTENCY with the 2009 Delta Reform Act, scoping comments, and existing water rights of non-BDCP participants

Identification of **15 ACTION ALTERNATIVES** and **1 NO-ACTION ALTERNATIVE/ EXISTING CONDITIONS**

The BDCP Draft EIR/EIS Analyzes more than 600 resource area impact categories. Of these resource impact categories,

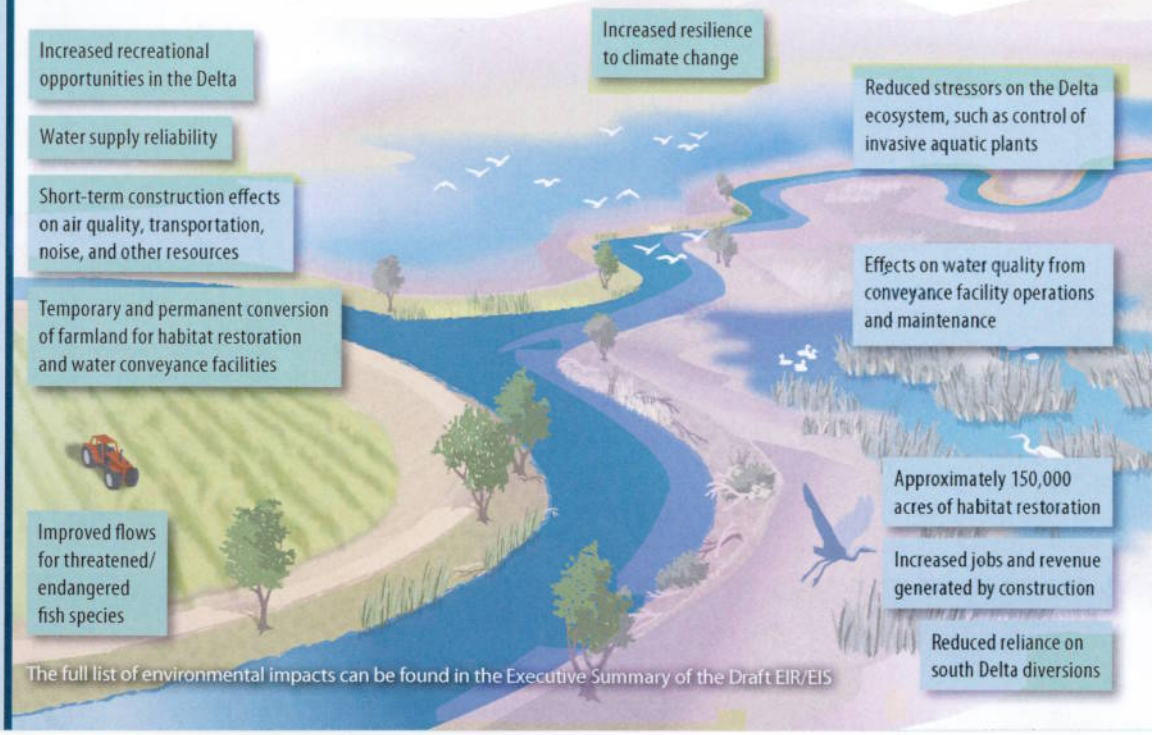
65-79 environmental impacts were deemed beneficial, depending upon the alternative evaluated.

57-60 resource areas were found to have no impact,

and up to 431 resource area impacts were deemed less than significant.

The Draft EIR/EIS determined 54-72 significant and unavoidable impacts (as determined by the California Environmental Quality Act), depending upon alternative, that may be reduced with the implementation of additional mitigation measures.

BDCP Environmental Benefits and Impacts



The full list of environmental impacts can be found in the Executive Summary of the Draft EIR/EIS