

BDCP Update #2
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Summary of Key Unresolved Issues

- ✓ Evaluation of alternative operational scenarios and conservation measures is incomplete
- ✓ Project purpose based on full contract delivery but lacks objectives for restoration and species recovery
- ✓ Application of SWRCB flow criteria must be considered
- ✓ Reduced reliance on the Delta for water export not considered
- ✓ Biological objectives not sufficiently specific

Summary of Key Unresolved Issues (contd.)

- ✓ Sources of funding, share arrangements, and funding guarantees not well defined
- ✓ Inadequate development of adaptive management plan for conservation measures and operations
- ✓ Anticipated benefits for specific species vs. ecosystem not clearly demonstrated
- ✓ BDCP governance structure, operations, and real-time decision-making processes require definition

Summary of Key Unresolved Issues (contd.)

- ✓ Compliance with “White Paper on Application of the 5 Point Policy, 04-29-10” remains unresolved
- ✓ Current schedule does not include concurrent release of draft BDCP document and draft EIR/EIS
- ✓ Role and adequacy of system modeling “conceptual” assessments needs development
- ✓ Limited information available on flood and risk management

Summary of Key Unresolved Issues (contd.)

- ✓ Linkage needed between stressors, conservation measures, and goals/objectives

- ✓ Stressors that will and will not be addressed by BDCP actions require clear identification

- ✓ Adaptive management program needs to incorporate:
 - Logic chain framework
 - Decision-making (what, how, and on what basis)
 - Linkage of conservation measures to BDCP objectives and the scientific process
 - Specific program elements including management of projects on the ground