

CHAPTER 7. IMPLEMENTATION STRUCTURE

This chapter describes the organizational structure that will be established to implement the BRCP and the roles, functions, and responsibilities of the entities that will participate in its implementation. BRCP implementation commences with execution of the BRCP Implementing Agreement with USFWS, NMFS, and DFG; issuance of section 10(a)(1)(B) incidental take permits and NCCPA permit; and passage of local authorizing ordinances.

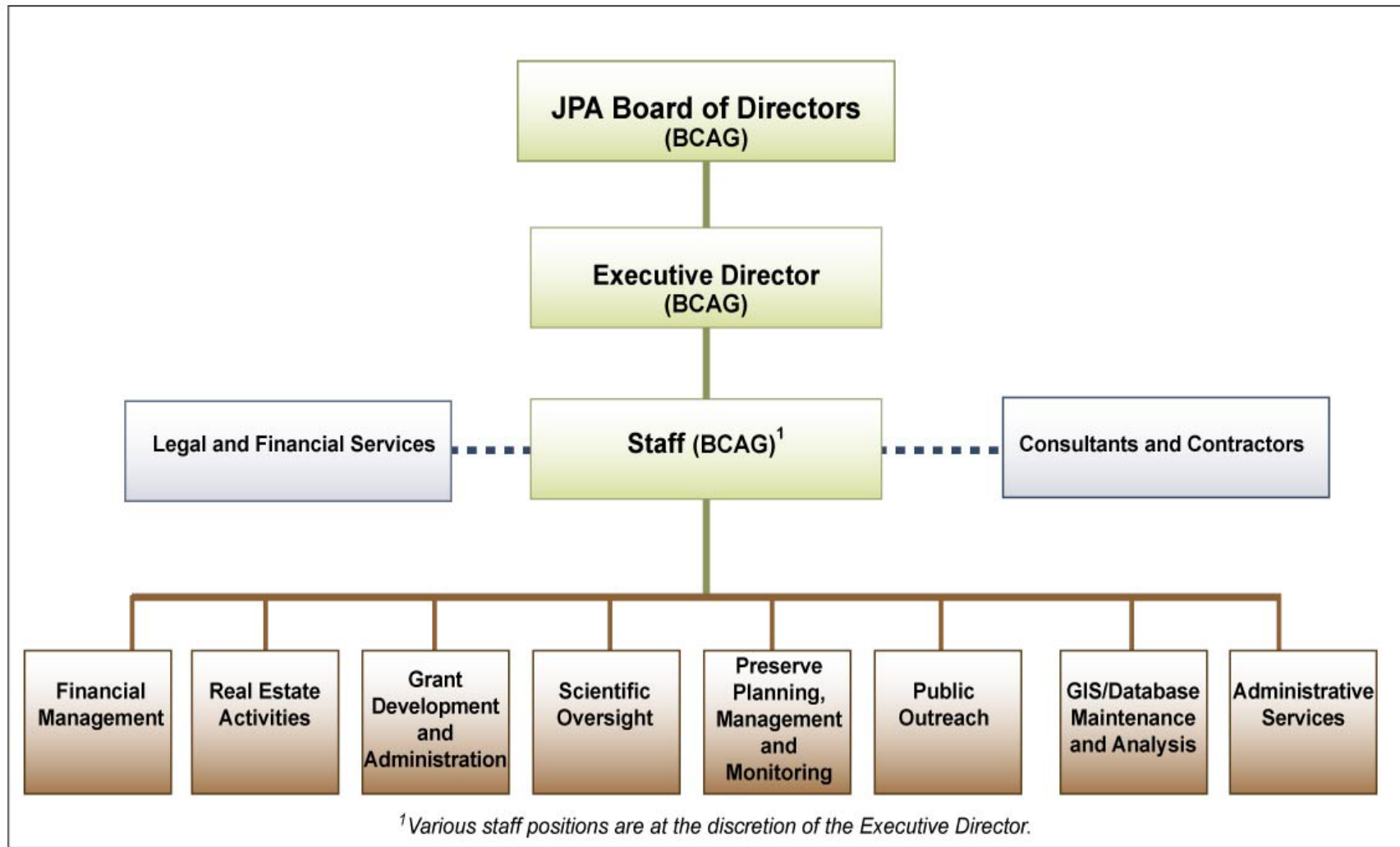
7.1 OVERVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION STRUCTURE

The structure of the BRCP Implementing Entity and the organizational structure for BRCP implementation are presented in Figures 7-1 and 7-2. The structure includes the existing Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Board of Directors as the overall decision-making body in the implementation of the BRCP. The Executive Director for BRCP implementation will be the Executive Director of BCAG, who will be responsible for the direct day-to-day implementation of the BRCP. A BRCP Stakeholder Committee will be established composed of representatives of interest groups and the public to provide input to BRCP implementation. Coordination by the Executive Director and BCAG staff with the permitting issuing agencies (USFWS, DFG, NMFS, USACE, and others), the Permittees, the BRCP Stakeholder Committee, and science advisors will be a regular component of implementation.

7.2 BRCP IMPLEMENTING ENTITY

The BRCP Implementing Entity will be the BCAG Board of Directors, an existing JPA comprised of Butte County and the cities within Butte County. The BCAG Board of Directors will serve as the BRCP JPA Board of Directors (Board). The Board will oversee implementation of the BRCP through the Executive Director of BCAG who will serve as the Executive Director of the BRCP (Executive Director). The Executive Director will expand BCAG staff, as needed, to meet the expanded BCAG mission in implementing the BRCP.

Based on a comparative review of other HCP/NCCPs throughout Northern California, JPAs are the most common type of arrangement for implementation among entities developing and implementing HCP/NCCPs. Seven out of eight Northern California HCP/NCCPs currently use, or expect to use, a JPA for HCP/NCCP implementation. Use of a JPA governance body provides the Implementing Entity with the land use authority that will be necessary to effectively implement BRCP habitat conservation actions.



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Figure 7-1. Organizational Structure for BRCPP Implementing Entity

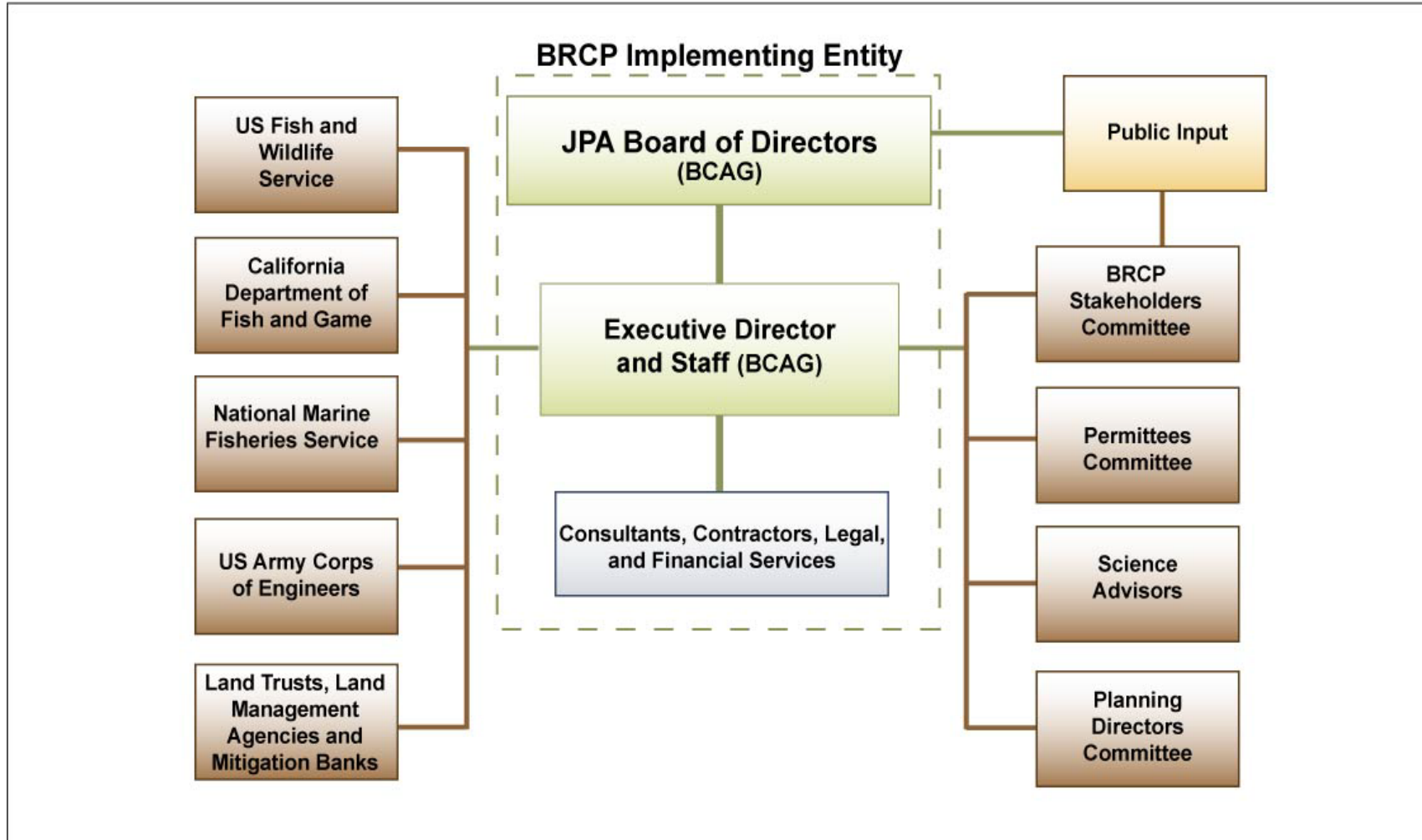


Figure 7-2. Implementation Structure for Coordination and Consultation

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1 BCAG is an existing JPA that is an association of all of the local governments within Butte
2 County (cities of Biggs, Chico, Gridley, Oroville, the Town of Paradise and the County of
3 Butte), including the BRCP local agency Permittees. BCAG is currently responsible for
4 development of federal and state transportation plans and programs and is also the administrative
5 and policymaking agency for the region's public transit service.

6 In addition to these responsibilities, BCAG has served as the lead agency in directing the
7 development of the BRCP, the environmental review of the BRCP under CEQA, and additional
8 permit processes related to the BRCP (e.g., Clean Water Act section 404 permitting and 401
9 certification).

10 **7.2.1 BRCP JPA Board of Directors**

11 The BRCP JPA Board of Directors will be the BCAG Board of Directors comprised of all
12 members of the Butte County Board of Supervisors and a single city council member
13 representative from the Cities of Biggs, Chico, Gridley and Oroville and the Town of Paradise..
14 Because Caltrans District 3 and the participating water and irrigation districts do not hold land
15 use authority and cannot approve fees, they would not be on the BRCP Board, but will provide
16 recommendations to the board via the Permittees Committee (see Section 7.3.2, *Permittees and*
17 *the Permittees Committee*). The BRCP JPA will use the BCAG Executive Director to manage
18 the implementation of the BRCP (see Section 7.2.2, *Executive Director*).

19 The roles and responsibilities of the BRCP JPA Board are as follows:

- 20 1. The Board will select the Executive Director for the BRCP.
- 21 2. The Board will establish and appoint members to a Stakeholder Committee to provide a
22 venue for receiving input from public stakeholders with interest in BRCP
23 implementation.
- 24 3. The Board will approve the Chair recommended by the Stakeholder Committee.
- 25 4. The Board will be responsible for the review and approval of annual plans and budgets
26 (see Section 6.2, *Compliance and Progress Reporting Requirements*) prepared by the
27 Executive Director.
- 28 5. The Board will act to resolve disputes between the Executive Director and the
29 Stakeholder Committee, Permittees Committee, and Science Advisors where resolution
30 cannot be reached in other forums within the BRCP implementation process.

31 Board meetings will follow the same public meeting rules as the current BCAG Board of
32 Directors and will be available for public comment at their meetings. The Board will hold public
33 meetings at least twice per year.

1 7.2.2 Executive Director

2 The BCAG Executive Director will serve as the BRCP Executive Director and will report to the
3 BRCP JPA Board. The Executive Director is responsible for directing the activities of the
4 Implementing Entity and the implementation of the Plan under the authority granted by the
5 Board. The Executive Director's responsibilities include overseeing the successful
6 implementation of the BRCP through staff and consultant management, budget development,
7 and coordination with external advisors and agencies. The Executive Director will hire
8 additional staff at BCAG with expertise, as needed, to assist in the implementation of the BRCP.
9 The Executive Director will serve as a primary link between Implementing Entity staff,
10 Permittees, Stakeholder Committee, regulatory agencies, other decision makers, and the general
11 public.

12 By using the Executive Director and existing staff at BCAG for BRCP implementation, start-up
13 costs will be significantly reduced compared with initiating an entirely new organization with
14 separate office expenses. Increased costs required to establish a new implementation office
15 would include separate office rent, utilities, copiers, fax machines, computers, printers, software
16 licenses, plotters, office furniture, and other such operating expenses. Continued use of BCAG
17 also ensures that the existing staff responsible for developing the BRCP can be carried forward
18 into implementation, benefitting the Permittees by ensuring that those responsible for
19 implementation are intimately familiar with the details of the BRCP, and have established
20 positive working relationships with all Permittees, USFWS, DFG, NMFS, USACE, and various
21 diverse interest groups throughout the Plan Area.

22 The Executive Director will hire and manage a staff to support implementation of the BRCP.
23 These staff will include the following:

- 24 1. Planning Manager (Program Manager),
- 25 2. Senior Biologist (Lead Biologist),
- 26 3. Land Acquisition Specialist (Real Estate Specialist),
- 27 4. Senior Planner (GIS/Database Maintenance),
- 28 5. Chief Financial Officer (Financial Management), and
- 29 6. Administrative Assistant (Administrative Services).

30 The Executive Director may appoint a BRCP Program Manager to be responsible for the
31 majority of the day-to-day tasks associated with BRCP implementation, including managing
32 staff, grant application completion and monitoring, compilation of annual reports to USFWS,
33 NMFS, and DFG, reporting to the BRCP JPA Board, coordinating activities with the Permittees
34 and BRCP participants that may be charged with implementing conservation measures (e.g.,
35 nonprofit conservancies and similar organizations), and oversight of implementation of BRCP
36 adaptive management and monitoring programs.

1 **7.2.2.1 Responsibilities of the Executive Director**

2 The Executive Director is responsible for implementing all conservation measures, monitoring,
3 and other measures described in the BRCP. These responsibilities include the following:

- 4 • Developing budgets and work plans;
- 5 • Securing grant funding and collecting, receiving, and expending funds;
- 6 • Identifying land acquisition opportunities and acquiring lands;
- 7 • Monitoring landowner compliance with terms of conservation easements;
- 8 • Coordination with and among and training of Permittees to ensure covered activities are
9 implemented in compliance with provisions of the Plan;
- 10 • Monitoring implementation progress to assure that mitigation and conservation measures
11 are being implemented roughly proportional in time and extent to the impact on habitat or
12 covered species authorized under the Plan;
- 13 • Implementing the adaptive management and monitoring plans;
- 14 • Conducting public outreach and education;
- 15 • Maintaining implementation tracking databases and GIS (e.g., conservation agreements,
16 fee-title acquisitions, management actions, monitoring data, expenditures, and
17 mitigation);
- 18 • Coordinating implementation with agencies, NGOs, and private entities;
- 19 • Implementing and overseeing implementation of habitat restoration and enhancement
20 conservation measures;
- 21 • Managing BRCP conservation lands;
- 22 • Coordinating Plan amendments; and
- 23 • Regular reporting of Plan implementation status to the Permitting Agencies (see Chapter
24 6, *Plan Implementation*).

25 As indicated in Figure 7-2, the Executive Director will be responsible for eight categories of
26 functions necessary to effectively implement the BRCP.

27 **7.2.2.1.1 Financial Management**

28 The Executive Director will be responsible for managing BRCP finances and, to do so, will
29 establish and maintain internal accounting procedures for monitoring expenditures and cash
30 flow. Financial management responsibilities include developing and monitoring budgets,
31 processing invoices, managing financial reserves, identifying cost savings, and managing
32 administrative contracts (e.g., liability insurance).

1 7.2.2.1.2 Real Estate Activities

2 The Implementing Entity will hold title or easements to lands it acquires to implement the
3 BRCP. The Executive Director will conduct relevant financial and legal analyses to guide
4 selection and acquisition of conservation lands. These functions may be fulfilled by a staff
5 specialist retained by the Executive Director for this purpose, partnering with local jurisdictions
6 to provide this service, or through consultant services.

7 As described in Section 5.4.1.1, *CMI: Protect Natural Communities*, the Implementing Entity
8 will need to acquire lands that support the ecological characteristics that will, through habitat
9 protection, enhancement, restoration, and management actions, achieve the biological goals and
10 objectives (see Section 5.3, *Biological Goals and Objectives*). Lands may be acquired through
11 conservation easements or in fee title. The Executive Director will establish a process for
12 prioritizing land acquisition opportunities; will be responsible for conducting all pre-acquisition
13 surveys, title searches, and review of existing encumbrances to ensure there are no restrictions
14 that conflict with BRCP implementation; and will conduct other tasks that may be necessary to
15 confirm that lands considered for acquisition support the ecological characteristics necessary to
16 fulfill one or more of the biological goals and objectives.

17 7.2.2.1.3 Grant Development and Administration

18 The Executive Director will be responsible for managing all grants, contracts, and other funding
19 sources during BRCP implementation. The Executive Director will be responsible for
20 establishing and executing procedures that meet the accounting and reporting requirements of
21 entities providing grant funds. The Executive Director will be responsible for identifying and
22 pursuing grant funds available for implementing the BRCP and preparing grant applications
23 necessary to secure these funds. These functions may be fulfilled by a staff specialist retained by
24 the Executive Director for this purpose, partnering with agencies and organizations that provide
25 this service, or through consultant services.

26 7.2.2.1.4 Scientific Oversight

27 The Executive Director is responsible for ensuring scientific oversight of key technical aspects of
28 BRCP implementation, including biological evaluations for selection of conservation lands,
29 implementation of conservation measures, and the monitoring and adaptive management
30 program. This oversight will be conducted by a senior staff biologist or qualified consultant
31 retained for this purpose. The Executive Director will also be responsible for being informed of
32 new relevant scientific information and conservation approaches as they become available over
33 the term of the BRCP and for seeking external science advice and assembling science advisor
34 panels as needed to better inform implementation.

1 7.2.2.1.5 *Preserve Management and Monitoring*

2 The Executive Director has primary responsibility for ensuring the day-to-day management of
3 the BRCP acquired conservation lands in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 5,
4 *Conservation Strategy*. In addition to directing the management of BRCP conservation lands,
5 the Executive Director will coordinate activities with managers of other conserved lands (e.g.,
6 land trusts, mitigation banks, DFG, DWR) to synergistically improve the collective ecological
7 benefits provided by all conserved lands within the Plan Area. These activities include periodic
8 patrols to evaluate the status and function of infrastructure (e.g., fences, roads, and fuel breaks)
9 and any necessary repair and maintenance activities. The Executive Director will also be
10 responsible for implementing the management plans prepared for specific or groups of BRCP
11 conservation land parcels (see Section 5.4.2.6, *CM9: Enhance and Manage Protected Natural*
12 *Communities*) and conducting the applicable monitoring activities described in Section 5.8,
13 *Monitoring Plan*.

14 7.2.2.1.6 *Public Outreach*

15 The Executive Director will be responsible for preparing informational materials, preparing for
16 and conducting public informational meetings/workshops, giving presentations in public venues,
17 posting information related to implementation on the BRCP website, preparing informational
18 materials for public distribution, and other such functions that serve to keep the general public
19 aware of BRCP implementation activities and to promote public interest and participation.

20 7.2.2.1.7 *GIS/Database Maintenance and Analysis*

21 The Executive Director will maintain the existing or modified BRCP website and will use GIS
22 and other database systems to collect, store, and use spatial and other data necessary for BRCP
23 implementation and document implementation progress (see Section 6.2, *Compliance and*
24 *Progress Reporting Requirements*). The Executive Director will use GIS to guide preserve
25 design and monitoring programs and continue to build from the existing GIS database used to
26 develop the BRCP. The Executive Director will also be responsible for maintaining and
27 upgrading all database systems software and hardware as needed.

28 The Executive Director will coordinate database systems, procedures, and formats with systems
29 used by the Permittees for activities reporting and with USFWS, NMFS, and DFG procedures to
30 streamline database management activities to the extent practicable.

31 The Executive Director will be responsible for the analysis of data collected through the
32 monitoring program and coordination with science advisors to implement the adaptive
33 management program.

1 7.2.2.1.8 *Administrative Services*

2 The Executive Director will be responsible for maintaining administrative services in support of
3 all Implementing Entity functions, including procurement of office supplies, equipment,
4 software, computers, and other materials; hiring and training of staff; payroll services; and any
5 other activities necessary to conduct the business of the Implementing Entity. These services
6 may be staffed by the Executive Director or provided externally through cooperative agreements
7 with partner agencies or through consultant services.

8 **7.2.2.2 *Retaining Consultants, Contractors, Financial and Legal Services***

9 To effectively discharge all responsibilities, the Executive Director may retain the services of
10 qualified consultants to address any technical or scientific needs that cannot be effectively
11 addressed through other resources available to the Executive Director. The use of consultants is
12 expected to be greater early in BRCP implementation and to lessen as the Implementing Entity's
13 implementation experience increases. Contractors will be retained as needed to undertake tasks
14 related to biological monitoring, preparation of compliance documents and permit applications,
15 maintaining and improving conservation land infrastructure (e.g., grading roads and maintaining
16 fences), implementing habitat restoration and enhancement actions, and similar types of physical
17 activities necessary for BRCP implementation.

18 The Implementing Entity may retain financial and legal services on an as-needed basis. It is
19 anticipated that financial analysis assistance will be periodically required to review the
20 program's cost/revenue balance and ensure that sources of implementation funding are adjusted
21 with changing land costs and inflation.

22 It is anticipated that legal counsel may also be periodically required to provide services related to
23 drafting and reviewing conservation easements, reviewing of land purchases, assisting with land
24 transaction negotiations, and assisting with easement violations should they occur.

25 **7.2.2.3 *Environmental Compliance and Permitting***

26 The Executive Director will have the authority and responsibility to serve as the lead agency for
27 CEQA compliance and environmental and other necessary permitting for the implementation of
28 conservation projects under the BRCP.

29 **7.2.2.4 *Relationship with Permittees and other Entities Involved in*** 30 ***Implementation***

31 The Executive Director is responsible for training and review of Permittees in their processing of
32 applications for coverage under the federal and state permits and will conduct periodic audits of
33 the Permittees to ensure compliance with the terms of the Plan.

1 The Executive Director will coordinate communications and the flow of information between the
2 Implementing Entity, Permittees, regulatory agencies, the Stakeholder Committee, and the
3 general public.

4 **7.3 OTHER ENTITIES INVOLVED IN BRCP IMPLEMENTATION**

5 As indicated in Figure 7-1, the Executive Director will coordinate with new BRCP entities and
6 various federal, state, local, and private entities to effectively implement the BRCP.

7 **7.3.1 BRCP Stakeholder Committee**

8 The BRCP JPA Board will establish and appoint members to a BRCP Stakeholder Committee to
9 provide a venue for receiving input from public stakeholders with interest in Plan
10 implementation. A Chair will be selected by the Stakeholder Committee members and approved
11 by the Board. The Stakeholder Committee will be charged with providing input to the Board and
12 the Executive Director regarding all aspects of BRCP implementation. It will be comprised of
13 representatives from the same interests that comprised the Stakeholder Committee that
14 developed the BRCP, as well as other groups that have an interest in implementation actions.
15 Committee members will be appointed by the Board to represent the following interests:

- 16 • Developers seeking permits under the BRCP;
- 17 • Landowners with resources relevant to BRCP success;
- 18 • Conservation advocacy groups;
- 19 • Agricultural interests; and
- 20 • Private residents, both rural and urban;

21 The size of the Stakeholder Committee will be determined by the Board, but will be not less than
22 10 and not more than 24 individuals. Should more than 24 individuals desire to be members of
23 the Stakeholder Committee, the Board will insure that the 24 members selected are
24 representative of all major interests in the Plan Area.

25 Staff from participating local jurisdictions and USFWS, NMFS, and DFG will also participate in
26 Stakeholder Committee meetings to ensure Stakeholder Committee deliberations are coordinated
27 with those responsible for BRCP implementation. They will also serve as a source of
28 information regarding the relationship of BRCP implementation to other relevant ongoing
29 planning activities in the Plan Area.

30 The Chair of the Stakeholder Committee will prepare meeting agendas with input from the
31 Executive Director, will facilitate the meetings, and will ensure that meeting outcomes are
32 transmitted to the Executive Director and the Board.

1 The frequency of Stakeholder Committee meetings will be determined by the Stakeholder
2 Committee, but at least one meeting must be held each year of BRCP implementation.
3 Committee meetings will be open to the public and public participation in Committee
4 discussions will be encouraged. The Executive Director or an Implementing Entity
5 representative designated by the Executive Director will attend all Stakeholder Committee
6 meetings.

7 **7.3.1.1 Technical Advisory Committees**

8 The Stakeholder Committee and the Executive Director may establish one or more technical
9 advisory committees to better inform implementation of conservation measures and coordinate
10 habitat enhancement and land management activities with other entities. For example, if the
11 Executive Director enters into agreements with other land management entities to implement
12 management actions on behalf of the Implementing Entity (see Section 7.3.5, *Delegated*
13 *Implementation*), then it may be desirable to establish a technical advisory committee comprised
14 of land management staff from the entities and Implementing Entity staff, with USFWS, NMFS,
15 and DFG representatives participating as advisors, to ensure that relevant BRCP actions are
16 appropriately implemented. Additional committees may be established to inform the BRCP staff
17 and Board of key issues effecting BRCP implementation.

18 **7.3.2 Permittees and the Permittees Committee**

19 The following entities are anticipated to be Permittees on the ESA Section 10(a)(1)(B) incidental
20 take permit and the NCCPA section 2835 permit providing authorization for take that results
21 from covered activities within their respective jurisdictions (see Chapter 2, *Covered Activities*):

- 22 • Butte County,
- 23 • City of Chico,
- 24 • City of Oroville,
- 25 • City of Gridley,
- 26 • City of Biggs,
- 27 • BCAG (as a lead agency and as the BRCP Implementing Entity),
- 28 • Western Canal Water District,
- 29 • Butte Water District,
- 30 • Biggs West Gridley Water District,
- 31 • Richvale Irrigation District, and
- 32 • California Department of Transportation District 3.

1 The Implementing Entity will be responsible for implementing the BRCP on behalf of the
2 Permittees. The Permittees, however, will ultimately be responsible for compliance with all the
3 terms and conditions of the BRCP permits and the Implementing Entity's performance in
4 implementing the BRCP in conformance with the terms and conditions.

5 The local jurisdictions receiving permits will be responsible for determining the completeness of
6 applications for coverage of projects received from private developers and departments within
7 the local jurisdiction. Each local jurisdiction will grant use of the take authorization under the
8 ESA and NCCPA take permits as part of its normal project review process, once it has made a
9 determination that the application is complete and the applicant has complied with all the
10 requirements of the BRCP HCP/NCCP. As described in Chapter 6, *Plan Implementation*, each
11 of the local jurisdictions will also be responsible for reporting the relevant details of approved
12 projects to the Executive Director, for monitoring the applicant's compliance with the applicable
13 avoidance and minimization measures described in Section 5.4.4, *Avoidance and Minimization*
14 *Measures*, and for collecting any fees required under the BRCP.

15 The Permittees may elect to meet as a Permittee Committee and confer with and receive reports
16 from the Executive Director. The Executive Director will attend all meetings of the Permittee
17 Committee for which the Executive Director's presence is requested. The Permittees will
18 determine the individual membership of and need for meetings of the Permittee Committee.

19 **7.3.3 Science Advisors**

20 Science advisors, comprised of technical specialists with expertise in conservation biology,
21 management of local natural communities and agricultural lands, habitat enhancement and
22 restoration design, and the ecology of covered species will be assembled, as needed, by the
23 Executive Director to provide guidance for BRCP implementation. The primary purpose of
24 periodic consultation with the science advisors is to provide technical advice and help gather the
25 best available scientific data for assembling the conservation lands, interpreting monitoring
26 results and the analysis of data, and providing advice through the adaptive management decision-
27 making process (see Section 5.9, *Adaptive Management Plan*).

28 **7.3.4 Planning Directors Committee**

29 The Executive Director will meet regularly with the City/County Planning Directors Committee
30 to ensure continued coordination with local city and county planning department staff
31 responsible for certain implementation tasks. This committee will include both planning
32 directors and staff from the cities of Biggs, Gridley, Oroville and Chico and the County of Butte.

33 **7.3.5 Delegated Implementation**

34 Certain implementation tasks may be delegated to other entities by the Executive Director
35 through mechanisms such as agreements with local, state, and federal agencies and with the

1 private nonprofit (e.g., land trusts and conservancies) and for-profit (e.g., mitigation banks and
2 farming and ranching operations) entities. Such delegation may include, but is not limited to,
3 conservation lands management, habitat enhancement and restoration, and monitoring activities.
4 The Executive Director will oversee any cooperative agreements that may be entered into with
5 other entities that own and/or manage conservation lands in fulfillment of BRCP commitments.

6 **7.3.5.1 Private Land Trusts, Agricultural Operations, and Mitigation Banks**

7 Coordination of BRCP implementation with land trusts, local land management entities and
8 mitigation banks is an important consideration for successful BRCP implementation. In
9 conformance with the conservation land assembly principles, BRCP conservation lands will
10 often be located adjacent to protected lands managed by local and private entities (e.g., lands
11 managed by local park districts, local land trusts, and private mitigation banks). The Executive
12 Director will coordinate with these land management entities to ensure that habitat enhancement
13 and land management practices are compatible and that benefits for covered species are fully
14 provided for, and will seek opportunities to reduce implementation costs through cooperative
15 implementation of management actions.

16 The Executive Director may choose to contract with land trusts to assist with aspects of BRCP
17 implementation, including preserve management and monitoring activities on lands owned by
18 the Implementing Entity.

19 The Executive Director may enter into agreements with farm and ranch owners and operators to
20 implement BRCP conservation actions on private agricultural lands. Such agreements may be
21 permanent or temporary and must meet the biological goals and objectives and be related to
22 specific conservation measures in the BRCP (see Chapter 5, *Conservation Strategy*).

23 The Executive Director may purchase credits from existing mitigation banks, provided their
24 lands are managed in a manner that is compatible with, meets the biological goals and objectives
25 of, and complies with specific conservation measures and monitoring requirements of the BRCP
26 (see Chapter 5, *Conservation Strategy*).

27 **7.3.5.2 Federal, State, and Local Land Management Agencies**

28 Coordination of BRCP implementation with federal, state, and local land management entities is
29 an important consideration for successful BRCP implementation. In conformance with the
30 conservation land assembly principles, BRCP conservation lands will often be located adjacent
31 to protected lands managed by federal, state, and local land management entities (e.g., city-
32 owned parks such as Bidwell Park, USFWS Refuges, DFG Refuges, and DWR lands associated
33 with Oroville Reservoir and Dam and other facilities along the Feather). The Executive Director
34 will coordinate with and may enter into agreements (e.g., MOAs, MOUs, Cooperative
35 Management Agreements) with federal, state, and local land management entities to ensure that
36 land and habitat management practices and species and habitat protection on these lands is
37 compatible with, meets the biological goals and objectives of, and complies with specific

1 conservation measures and monitoring requirements of the BRCP (see Chapter 5, *Conservation*
2 *Strategy*).

3 **7.4 REGULATORY AGENCIES INVOLVED IN BRCP** 4 **IMPLEMENTATION**

5 **7.4.1 USFWS, NMFS, and DFG**

6 USFWS, NMFS, and DFG are the regulatory agencies that will issue the federal and state
7 permits for incidental take and regulate implementation of the BRCP. As described in Chapter 6,
8 *Plan Implementation*, the Executive Director will submit annual reports to these agencies
9 describing each year's implementation activities. The USFWS, NMFS, and DFG will provide
10 guidance to the Executive Director, the Board, and the Permittees to ensure that the BRCP
11 remains in compliance with terms and conditions of the permits. Representatives of these
12 agencies will serve in an advisory role to the BCAG JPA Board and any technical advisory
13 committees that may be established by the Board and Stakeholder Committee. USFWS, NMFS,
14 and DFG will also assist the Executive Director in attempting to secure state and federal funding
15 (e.g., funding under ESA section 6) for BRCP implementation (see Chapter 8, *Implementation*
16 *Costs and Funding Sources*).

17 DFG will serve in an advisory role to the Executive Director, the Board, and the Permittees
18 regarding the Master Streambed Agreement under Fish and Game Code section 1602.

19 **7.4.2 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)**

20 The USACE will serve in an advisory role to the Executive Director, the Board, and the
21 Permittees regarding the regional permit(s) under Clean Water Act section 404.

22 **7.4.3 Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board** 23 **(CVRWQCB)**

24 The CVRWQCB will serve in an advisory role to the Executive Director, the Board, and the
25 Permittees regarding the regional certification under Clean Water Act section 401 and
26 compliance with the Porter-Cologne Act and the Basin Plan.

27 **7.5 PUBLIC INPUT**

28 Public input will be provided through various means under BRCP implementation. The BRCP
29 Executive Director will be responsible for continuing public outreach efforts that were initiated
30 as part of the development of the BRCP. This includes maintaining a publicly accessible
31 website, producing and distributing newsletters, brochures and press releases, and holding
32 periodic public workshops to present BRCP implementation findings and results to the general

- 1 public. All Stakeholder Committee meetings will be open to the public. Board meetings will be
- 2 open to the public following the public meeting rules that govern the existing BCAG JPA Board.
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