



BRCP

Preparation Status and Process Going Forward

(Chapter by Chapter Overview)

Presentation to:

BRCP Stakeholder Committee

March 2, 2011

▶ Chapter 1. Introduction

- ▶ Background, purpose, BRCP goals, scope, and regulatory context
- ▶ Presented to Stakeholder Committee for review on 05/05/10
- ▶ Will continue to be updated as needed based on revisions to other document sections
- ▶ Next draft presented in the first administrative draft BRCP HCP/NCCP document

▶ Chapter 2. Covered Activities

- ▶ Describes activities covered under the BRCP
- ▶ Presented to Stakeholder Committee for review on 08/05/09, 09/02/09, and 09/18/09
- ▶ Updated to include water district activities
- ▶ Will be revised to include important assumptions used in the impact analysis
- ▶ Next draft presented in the first administrative draft BRCP HCP/NCCP document

▶ Chapter 3. Ecological Baseline Conditions

- ▶ Describes physical and biological conditions of the Plan Area, including natural communities, the process for identifying covered species, and local concern species
- ▶ Presented to Stakeholder Committee for review on 06/07/07
- ▶ Updated to include revised cover type mapping
- ▶ Will be revised as needed to support outcomes of the impact and conservation analysis
- ▶ Next draft presented in the first administrative draft BRCP HCP/NCCP document

▶ Chapter 4. Impact Assessment and Estimated Level of Take

▶ Describes:

- Impact assessment methods and Impact mechanisms
- Assumptions limiting degree of impacts
- Impacts on natural communities, covered species, and designated critical habitat by CAZ and UPA

▶ Presented to Stakeholder Committee for review on 12/02/09 (partial sections and supporting information provided from 11/07/07-10/07/09)

▶ Chapter 4. Impact Assessment and Estimated Level of Take (cont.)

- ▶ Being revised to include:
 - ▶ Water district activities
 - ▶ Effects on BCM
 - ▶ Revisions in covered activity footprints
- ▶ Next draft presented in the first administrative draft BRCP HCP/NCCP document

▶ Chapter 5, *Conservation Strategy*

- ▶ Describes the BRCP Conservation Strategy elements:
 - Biological goals and objectives
 - Conservation measures
 - Monitoring plan
 - Adaptive management plan
- ▶ Presented to Stakeholder Committee for review on 10/06/10 (partial sections and supporting information provided from 03/05/08-06/02/10; Section 5.6, *Benefits of Conservation Measures for Local Concern Species*, provided on 12/01/10)

▶ **Chapter 5, *Conservation Strategy* (cont.)**

▶ Issues being addressed:

- BCM and vernal pool species strategy elements
- Approach to giant garter snake habitat conservation
- Approach to ESA section 10 mitigation

▶ Being revised to:

- Include rationale statements for goals and objectives
- Add remainder of sections for covered vernal pool and fish species
- Identify habitat restoration targets

▶ Next draft presented at 05/04/11 Stakeholder Committee meeting

▶ Chapter 6, *Plan Implementation*

- ▶ Describes:
 - Implementation schedule
 - Changed circumstances and remedial measures
 - Assurances
 - Process for modifications and amendments
- ▶ Presented to Stakeholder Committee for review on 11/03/10 and 12/01/10

▶ Chapter 6, *Plan Implementation* (cont.)

- ▶ Issues being addressed:
 - Assurances requested under the Plan
- ▶ Being revised to include:
 - Implementation schedule
 - Plan modification and amendment processes
 - Refine description of changed circumstances
- ▶ Next draft presented in the first administrative draft BRCP HCP/NCCP document

▶ **Chapter 7, *Implementation Structure***

- ▶ Describes the:
 - BRCP implementation governance structure
 - BRCP Implementing Entity, structure, and functions
- ▶ Presented to Stakeholder Committee for review on 11/03/10 and 12/01/10 (supporting information provided from 08/04/10-09/08/10)
- ▶ Will continue to be updated as needed based on revisions to other document sections
- ▶ Next draft presented in the first administrative draft BRCP HCP/NCCP document

▶ Chapter 8, *Implementation Costs and Funding Sources*

- ▶ Describes:
 - BRCP implementation costs in 5-year increments by cost category
 - Implementation funding sources and stream
 - Adaptive funding plan
 - Mechanisms for in-perpetuity funding (e.g., endowment funding)
- ▶ Approach to development of implementation costs presented to Stakeholder Committee on 09/08/10

▶ **Chapter 8, *Implementation Costs and Funding Sources*** (cont.)

- ▶ In process of developing implementation cost assumptions and cost estimates
- ▶ In process of developing a funding fee structure
- ▶ BCAG is initiating meetings with Permittees to develop approach to cost sharing
- ▶ First draft will be presented in the first administrative draft BRCP HCP/NCCP document (without funding sources information to be provided in 2nd administrative draft)

▶ **Chapter 9, *Alternatives to Take Considered and Rejected***

▶ Describes:

- ▶ Alternatives considered under the Plan that could result in less take
- ▶ Process and rationale for selecting the proposed conservation strategy

▶ ESA section 10 requirement

▶ First draft will be presented in the first administrative draft BRCP HCP/NCCP document

▶ **Chapter 10, *Independent Science Advisory Process***

- ▶ Describes the BRCP Independent Science Advisory Process
- ▶ First partial draft will be presented in the first administrative draft BRCP HCP/NCCP document
- ▶ Will continue to be updated as needed to reflect subsequent science input

▶ Chapter 11, *List of Preparers*

- ▶ Describes participants in the BRCP development process
 - Steering Committee members
 - Stakeholder Committee members
 - Technical consultants
 - Other contributors
- ▶ First draft will be presented in the first administrative draft BRCP HCP/NCCP document
- ▶ Will continue to be updated as needed to reflect any changes in participation

▶ Chapter 12, *References*

- ▶ References for all cited information in Chapters 1-10 (appendices will have their own reference section)
- ▶ First partial draft will be presented in the first administrative draft BRCP HCP/NCCP document
- ▶ Will continue to be updated as needed to reflect additional references that may be added in subsequent drafts

► Appendices

- Anticipated Appendices include:
 - Species accounts
 - Scientific and common names mentioned in the text
 - Natural community and covered species habitat matrix
 - Acronyms and abbreviations
 - Glossary of terms
 - Avoidance and minimization guidelines
- Drafts of species accounts, glossary, and acronyms presented at multiple 2007-2009 Stakeholder Committee meetings
- Updated and new appendices will be presented in the first administrative draft BRCP HCP/NCCP document

▶ **Schedule (see Handout #1)**

- ▶ 1st Administrative Draft—June 1, 2011
- ▶ 2nd Administrative Draft—August 2011
- ▶ Public Draft—December 2011

Questions & Discussion