



**Butte Regional
CONSERVATION PLAN**
BALANCING GROWTH AND CONSERVATION

Summary of Changes to the Formal Public Draft BRCP

Presentation to:
BRCP Stakeholder Committee


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Source of Comments Used to Prepare the Formal Public Draft BRCP


- ▶ Revisions based on comments from USFWS and CDFW provided in 2014-2015
- ▶ Formal Public Draft BRCP to be completed late 2015, approvals in early 2016






Chapter 1. Introduction


- ▶ Removed Sacramento splittail and river lamprey as covered species, but are included as local concern species [global edit]
 - Removed because of uncertainties regarding species occurrence and conservation benefits
- ▶ Seeking CWA compliance through a Regional General Permit (RGP) rather than a Programmatic General Permit (PGP) [global edit]
 - Securing a PGP cannot be accomplished within the BRCP schedule—potentially can be applied for in future years






Chapter 2. Covered Activities


- ▶ Removed alternative energy projects as covered activities
- ▶ Removed because of difficulties USFWS has covering these activities in HCP/NCCPs






Chapter 3. Ecological Baseline Conditions


- ▶ Minor edits and clarifications






Chapter 4. Impact Analysis revisions based on USFWS and CDFW Input


- ▶ Increased the requested level of take for giant garter snake to accommodate uncertainties regarding its distribution and densities within the Plan Area
- ▶ Edits to clarify text based on agency comments






Chapter 5. Conservation Strategy


- ▶ Chapter Reorganization
 - Avoidance and minimization measures (formerly Section 5.4.4) moved into new Chapter 6, *Conditions on Covered Activities*
 - Monitoring and adaptive management (formerly Sections 5.8 and 5.9) moved into new Chapter 7, *Monitoring and Adaptive Management*
 - Benefits to local concern species (formerly Section 5.7) moved to new Appendix N, *Benefits of Conservation Measures for Local Concern Species*
 - Conservation outcomes figures moved from Chapter 5 to new Appendix O, *Conservation Outcome Figures*






Chapter 5. Conservation Strategy


- ▶ Chapter Reorganization (cont.)
 - Removed text and tables redundant with information presented elsewhere
- ▶ Revisions and Clarifications
 - Revised biological goals and objectives
 - Added section for BCAG to address urban storm water quality (formerly CM3)
 - Clarified descriptions of CMs
 - Elevated actions in some CMs as separate CMs






Chapter 6, Conditions on Covered Activities

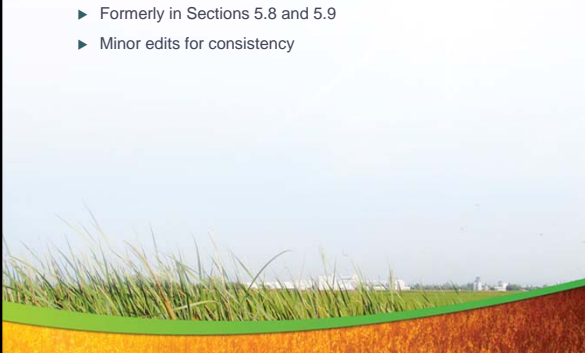
- ▶ Formerly Section 5.4.4, *Avoidance and Minimization Measures*
- ▶ Clarifying revisions to text and tables






Chapter 7, Monitoring and Adaptive Management

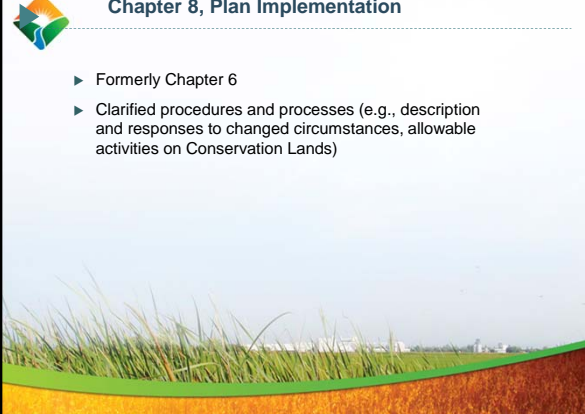
- ▶ Formerly in Sections 5.8 and 5.9
- ▶ Minor edits for consistency






Chapter 8, Plan Implementation

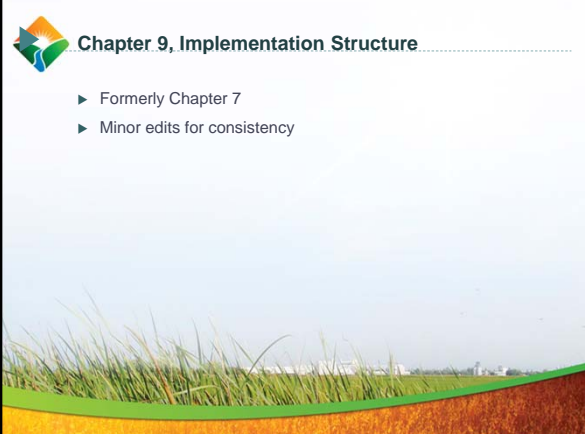
- ▶ Formerly Chapter 6
- ▶ Clarified procedures and processes (e.g., description and responses to changed circumstances, allowable activities on Conservation Lands)






Chapter 9, Implementation Structure


- ▶ Formerly Chapter 7
- ▶ Minor edits for consistency






Chapter 10, Implementation Costs and Funding


- ▶ Formerly Chapter 8
- ▶ Minor edits for consistency
- ▶ No changes in fee structure and cost estimates






Chapters 11, Alternatives to Take, 12, Independent Science Advisory Process, and Chapter 13, List of Preparers

- ▶ Formerly Chapters 9-11
- ▶ Minor updates





Take Home Message

Other than removing the Sacramento splittail and river lamprey as covered species and seeking an RGP for CWA compliance, no substantive changes from the scope and intent of the preliminary Public Draft BRCP

