



Office of the General Manager - Bay Delta

Strategic Priority: Continue Progress on Bay-Delta Conservation Plan

Continue to provide leadership in this process to restore the reliability of the State Water Project with the goal of completing the public draft Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/S) within the upcoming year.

Objective#1:

Complete the public draft Bay-Delta Conservation Plan and the associated draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement.

Action(s):

1. Finalize the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan effects analysis.
2. Finalize the EIR/S alternatives.
3. Address National Academy of Science's Comments.
4. Develop near-term operations criteria.
5. Develop water supply assurances, including adaptive management range.
6. Negotiate cost-sharing & funding mechanisms.

Core Business: Bay-Delta Solutions

Develop near-term and long-term solution that enhances the Delta ecosystem, improves water supply reliability, and protects water quality.

Performance Measure(s)

- Progress in the completion of the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan
- Completion of a draft project finance plan
- Actions toward achieving emergency response and other short-term Delta solutions

Objective#1:

Develop near-term measures, compatible with a long-term Delta solution, to improve water supply reliability and water quality, and facilitate protection and enhancement of Delta ecosystems and associated species.

Action(s):

1. Identify and develop early action habitat restoration projects that will satisfy current obligations, contribute to the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP), and address carbon sequestration objectives.
2. Address science, regulatory, and policy strategies to manage non-flow and non-project related stressors on the Delta ecosystem (e.g., toxic pollutants, invasive species, predation, and impairments to water quality).



Objective#1 - continued:

Develop near-term measures, compatible with a long-term Delta solution, to improve water supply reliability and water quality, and facilitate protection and enhancement of Delta ecosystems and associated species.

Action(s):

3. Continue to work with resource and regulatory agencies to enhance Delta science, including development of life-cycle fishery models and turbidity/Delta smelt behavior forecasting.
4. Provide technical support for litigation related to the OCAP Biological Opinions, other Delta-related litigation actions, and any potential efforts to modify the Biological Opinions.
5. Coordinate with the State Water Contractors (SWC) to participate in State Water Resources Control Board proceedings concerning development of flow criteria for the Delta ecosystem, and proposed revisions to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Bay-Delta.
6. Provide technical support for outreach efforts in support of initiatives.

Objective#2:

Develop long-term Delta improvements through the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan, including measures that implement conveyance and species conservation improvements.

Action(s):

1. By 2013, complete the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP), which is a comprehensive plan to enhance and restore Delta ecosystems and sensitive species and provide long-term endangered species permits to the SWP facilities and operations.
2. Work with the lead agencies to complete the public draft Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement for the Delta Habitat Conservation and Conveyance Program, including the BDCP and water conveyance components, by the second half of FY 2011/12.
3. Provide technical support for outreach efforts in support of initiatives.

Objective#3:

Ensure that Delta emergency response measures are implemented, including actions to develop a fresh water pathway after a major emergency event in the Delta.

Action(s):

1. Work with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to take further steps toward implementing the strategy to ensure emergency response measures for the Delta are completed.
 - a. Work with DWR, USACE, and local reclamation districts to expedite actions to strengthen levees along the Middle River freshwater pathway.