



Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Partnership (YBCS)

Engagement Workshop

March 11, 2022

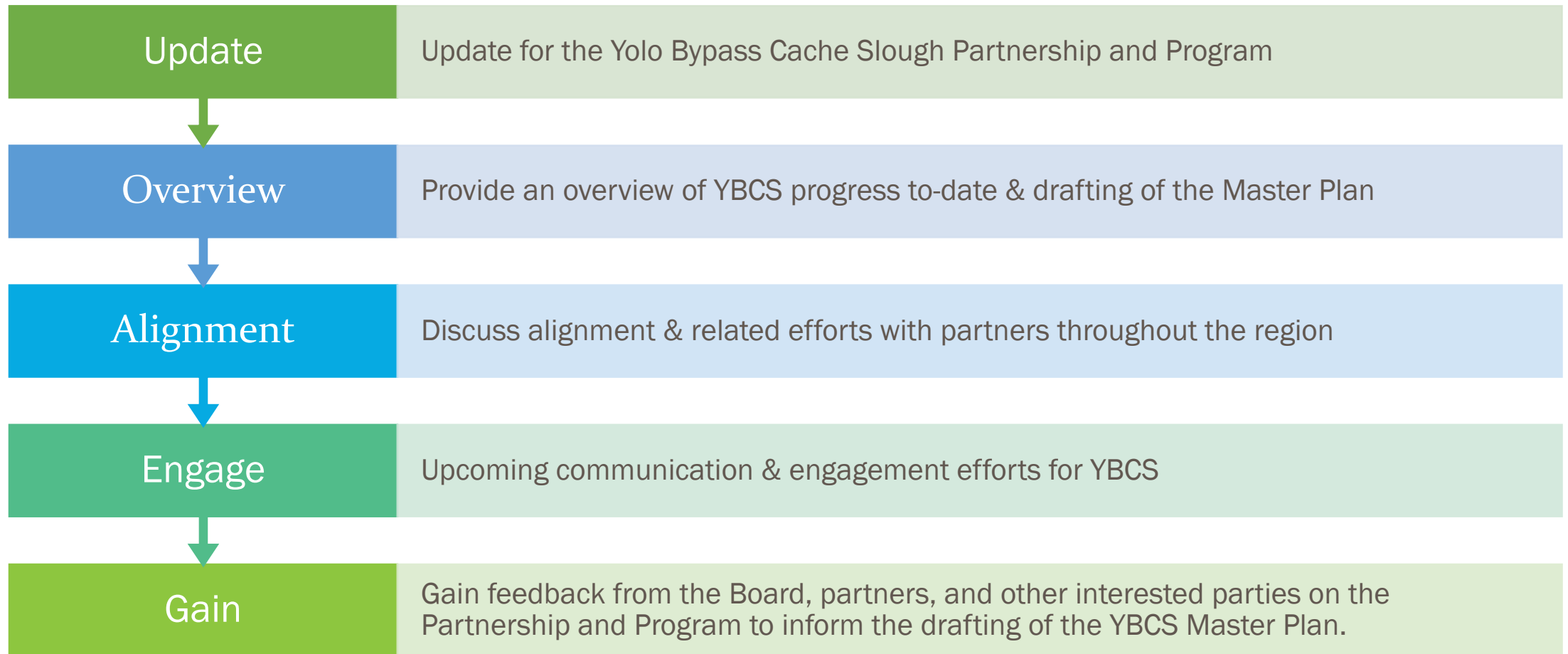


Section 1 – Welcome and Introductions

Presentation Outline & Speakers

- Welcome and Introductions – Ruth Darling, CVFPB
- Partnership Vision – Felix Yeung, USACE
- Master Plan – Mary Jimenez, DWR
- Regional Alignment Efforts – Eric Nagy, LWA
 - Solano County - Misty Kaltreider
 - SAFCA - Melanie Saucier
 - RD 2068 – Dale Crossley
- C&E Update – Kristyne Van Skike, CVFPB
- CEQA/NOP – Megan Giglini, CVFPB
- Discussion – Wendy Wang, CVFPB
- Conclusion – Ruth Darling, CVFPB

Workshop Objectives



Partnership Update



Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Partnership

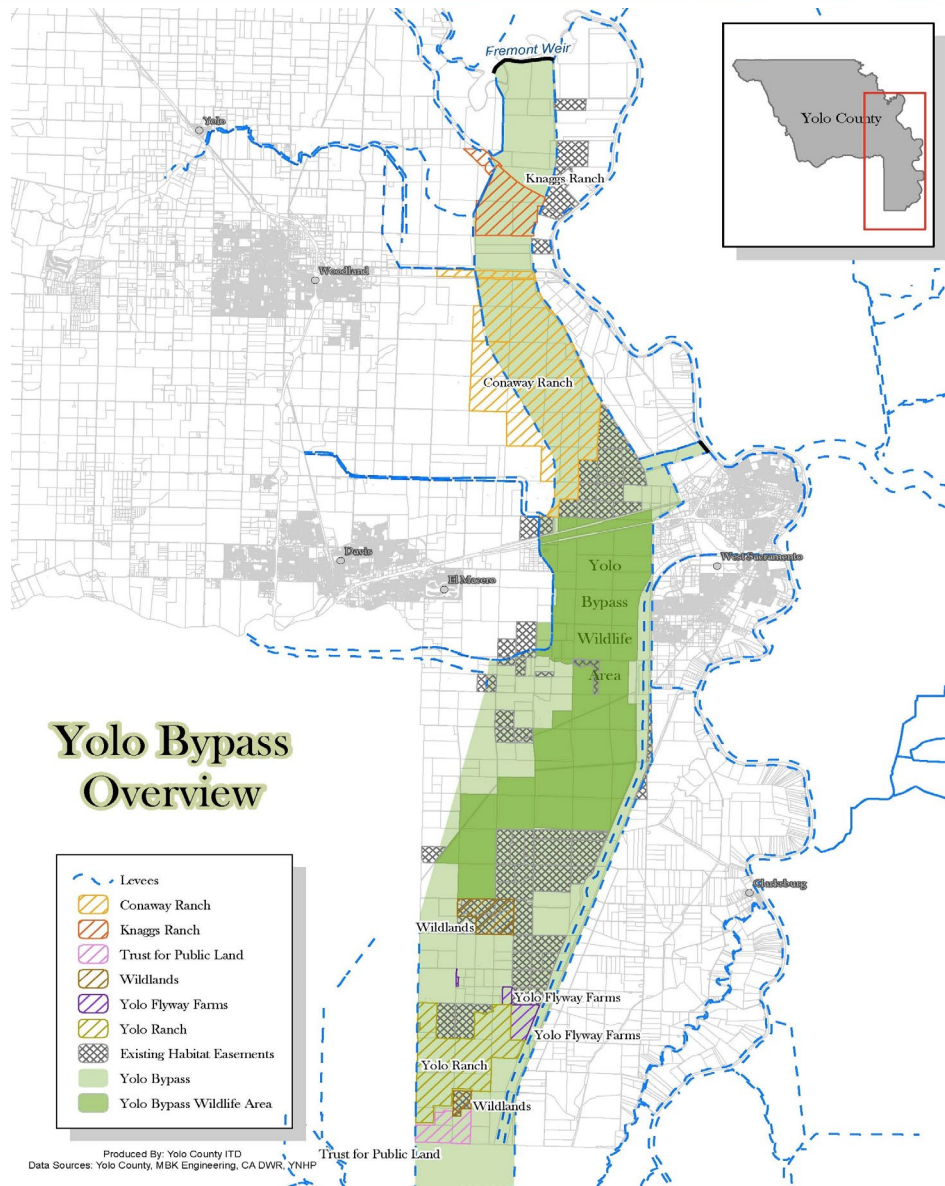


A recording of this workshop will be available at the CVFPB YouTube Channel

Why are we here?

- A lot has happened since November 2020 – All Things Yolo Workshop
- We are hoping to re-engage interest in the Partnership
- We are working on a Master Plan and initiating environmental documents
- We have a new website and listserv to tell you about
- Hear from a few of our partners
- Opportunity for an open discussion

Section 2 – Partnership Vision



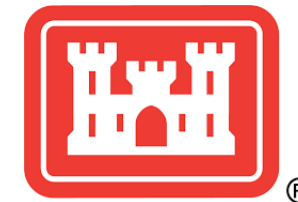
Yolo Bypass & Cache Slough Region

- Major components of the Sacramento River Flood Control System
- This region is the focus of planning & project implementation efforts affecting multiple federal, state, and local interests.
- Potential bypass expansion identified in the CVFPP
- Multiple projects underway and proposed

The YBCS Partnership Emerges



— BUREAU OF —
RECLAMATION



Overcoming Barriers – MOU Principles

Partnership Engagement

- Address the specific concerns of each party and those that they represent.
- Understanding one another's independent authorities and regulatory responsibilities, which will not be compromised through participation in the collaborative efforts described in the MOU.
- Local expertise and technical input is valuable and should be actively sought to expand the broader partnership engagement to include interested parties.

Public Benefits

- Suite of envisioned projects seeks to protect or improve the flood system resiliency of the Yolo Bypass, which is an authorized state and federal flood management facility.
- Programmatic consideration of "pillars" of benefits.

The Vision – A Shared YBCS Landscape



- Flood risk management
- Fisheries and wildlife habitat
- Water supply
- Water quality
- Agricultural land preservation
- Recreation

Partnership Goals

Collaboratively implement a series of integrated projects that provide multiple regional benefits



Partnership
Engagement



Flood Risk
Management



Habitat
Enhancement



Water
Quality



Water
Supply



Agricultural
Sustainability



Recreation

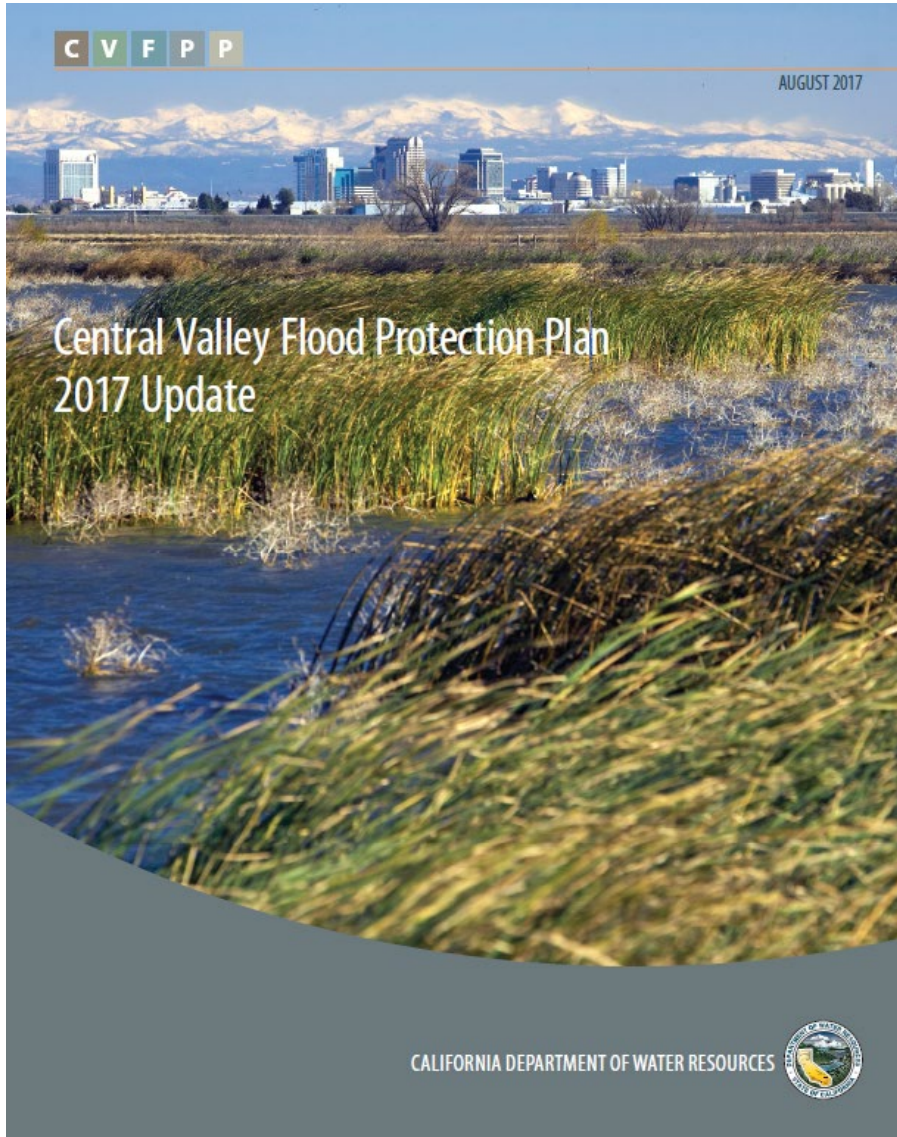
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Section 3 – Developing a Master Plan

Master Plan Supports Implementation

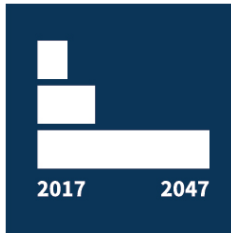
- Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP); including Conservation Strategy
- Lower Sacramento River/Delta North Regional Flood Management Plan (RFMP)
- Corridor Management Framework (CMF)



Yolo Bypass and CVFPP

- Yolo Bypass recommendations in the CVFPP – 2012, 2017, and 2022 (under development)
- CVFPP Conservation Strategy
- Alignment with other state efforts in the bypass

Implementation of the CVFPP



Flood and Ecosystem
Performance Accounting



Governance and
Institutional Support



Operations and
Maintenance of the
Flood System



Coordination with
Federal Agencies

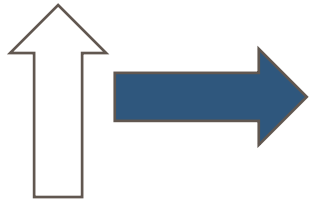


Development of Multi-
benefit Projects



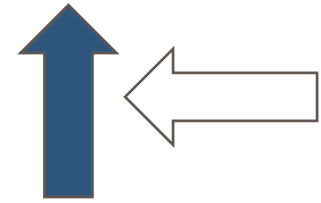
Climate Change and
Flood System
Resilience

Partnership



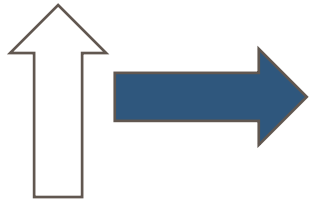
State Legislation

Multi-Benefit



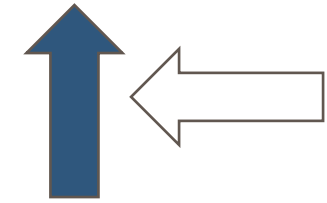
- SB 369 - Endorses the Yolo Bypass Partnership and its role in projects, planning, and implementation including:
 - Engage with partners and interested parties
 - Coordinate implementation, review technical documents and projects' financing
- Fosters agricultural sustainability and economic health of the region
- Facilitates future appropriation of funding for projects

Partnership



Federal Legislation

Multi-Benefit



- Authorizes a comprehensive Feasibility Study for the YBCS that includes:
 - System-wide analyses of the Yolo Bypass Program
 - Multi-purpose & systemwide federal project planning & resiliency
 - Identifying site-specific projects with federal interest
- Acknowledges, endorses, and formalizes federal participation in the YBCS for project planning & implementation
- Depending on the study's findings, there may be opportunities for Congress to consider federal authorization and/or funding for additional activities

Developing the Master Plan

Key Elements 

- Program management
- Projects & management actions
- Funding strategy
- Programmatic guidance
- Programmatic regulatory approaches
- Baselines, analysis, & tracking
- Climate change resilience
- USACE Comprehensive Study support

Master Plan – Programmatic Framework

- Guidance for project planning and implementation
- Track progress toward goals and providing benefits
- Foster collaboration and coordination

Master Plan – Planning Assumptions

- Array of potential future projects
 - Single and multi-benefit; small and large-scale; physical and nonphysical (e.g., policy actions)
- Multi-benefit operations and maintenance (long-term management)
- Phased implementation
- Shared responsibilities between local, state, and federal partners

Master Plan Schedule

- Admin Draft Master Plan & Programmatic Environmental Document
 - Early 2023
- Public Draft Master Plan & Programmatic Environmental Document
 - Mid-2023

Questions / Comments

Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Master Plan



Section 4 – Alignment & Related Efforts

YBCS Partnership Collaboration & Progress

Structure

- Executive Committee
 - Policy-level decision making
- Steering Committee
 - Oversight through full representation
- Coordinating Committee
 - Day-to-day direction & management
- Work Groups
 - Programmatic issue resolution
 - Mostly ad hoc

Initiatives

- Master Plan development
- Practical governance model
- Long-term system management
- Water supply reliability
- Sustainable agricultural economy
- Recreational opportunities
- Improved water quality
- Expanded communication

Draft Interim Governance Framework

Principles:

- Transparent way of doing business
- Proactive communication
- Accountability between partners
- Align focus and increase commitment
- Build trust

Priorities:

- Issue resolution process
- Establish clear metrics
- Fully integrated Master Plan
- Articulate funding/resource needs
- Improved external engagement

Governance Focal Points

- Member Agency Participation – One size does not fit all
- Resources – Expand dedication/focus of key team members
- Funding – Accelerate goal achievement through investment
- Communication – Cast a broader net

Regional Flood Management Planning

July 2014

- Lower Sacramento/Delta North (LS/DN) RFMP identified need for "integrated water management planning" in YBCS

Feb 2015

- Publishes LS/DN Corridor Management Framework focusing on YBCS

May 2016

- Multiple LS/DN agencies sign onto YBCS Partnership MOU

Today

- LS/DN continues to actively participate in all activities concerning YBCS Region



Lower Sacramento River/Delta North
Regional Flood Management Plan

July 2014





Partnership Agency Alignment

- Solano County - Misty Kaltreider
- SAFCA – Melanie Saucier
- RD 2068 - Dale Crossley





Solano County - Misty Kaltreider





Partnership Importance to Local Agencies



Ensure Ag
Sustainability



Fund Rural
Infrastructure



Recognize Local
Contributions

Solano County Partnership Engagement

Current County Engagement

- Participation of county staff and elected officials
- Development of a Habitat Conservation Plan

Opportunities for Improvement

- Hire a coordinator
- Streamline working groups

Local Agency Goals



Regional
evaluation of
state/federal
projects



Community
engagement
protocol



Commitment to
timely
completion of
Cache Slough
Complex HCP



Funding strategy
development



SAFCA – Melanie Saucier

YBCS Partner - SAFCA



SAFCA's Role:

- Regional Flood Control Agency working to provide a higher level of flood protection for large metro area
- Facilitating multi-benefit project development in Yolo Bypass with federal, state, local agencies
- Working to further Federal interest = Comprehensive Study & Floodplain Management Services Agreement
 - Climate Change, Life Safety, Maximize Economic Benefits, Agricultural Stewardship & Long-Term Management

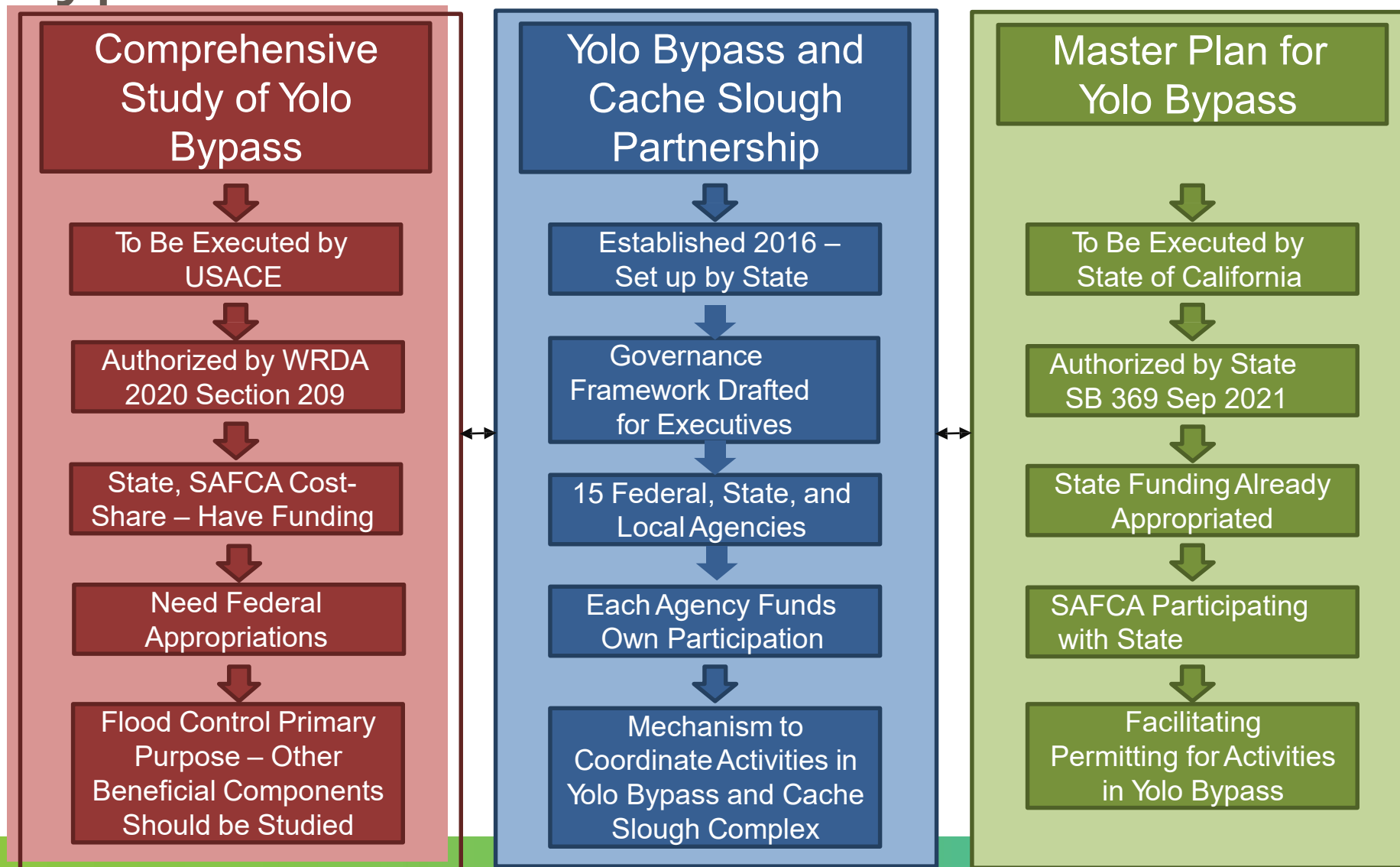
Importance of the Partnership to local community & region:

- Helps address issues and difficulties of coordinating multiple projects in the area
- Achieves intended outcomes in MOU, CVFPP, LSDN, Corridor Management Framework, other plans

Desired Outcomes for the Partnership:

- Alignment between agencies on the vision, funding mechanisms, long-term operations & improved conveyance of the Bypass System

Yolo Bypass Activities



YOLO BYPASS & CACHE SLOUGH PARTNERSHIP



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Dale Crossley, RD 2068 Trustee

YBCS Brief History – A local Perspective

- Original Settlement
 - Swamp Land / Homestead Acts
 - Mid/late 1800's
 - Both state & federal government began building levees for flood protection
 - 1849 – Start of the Gold Rush Era
 - Today, >1,100 miles of levees & continuous O&M
- The landscape inside and along the Yolo Bypass is still primarily agriculture fields and pastures surrounded by waterways that still floods regularly as it was designed to do.
 - The land supports both a place to grow crops and a place for fisheries and wildlife habitat.
 - The local community applauds efforts to restore ecosystem function and supports projects that improve habitat for fish, mammals, birds, reptiles, and supports agricultural sustainability for those of us living and working in the Yolo Bypass Cache Slough region.

The Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Partnership is important, for it brings together all 15 partnership agencies to do one thing: finish projects.

LOCAL COMMUNITY GOALS

- Restored Ecosystem Function
- Flood Risk Reduction
- Healthier Water Quality
- Access to Recreation
- Reliable Water Supply
- Sustainable Agriculture Economy

Rd 2068 Involvement in the YBCS Partnership

- RD 2068 has been extremely involved in the Yolo Bypass for years working with state and federal agencies as well as independently active in the Lower Sacramento Delta North (LSDN) and the Yolo Bypass corridor management framework.
- In 2012 RD 2068 started to work with and in 2016 signed the MOU agreement along with 14 other state, federal, and local agencies.



Rd 2068 Involvement in the YBCS Partnership

Efforts & Workgroups

- Vision Document
- Agricultural Sustainability
- Governance
- Communications & Engagement
- Water Assurances

Committees

- Executive Committee
- Steering Committee
- Coordinating Committee



Partnership Approach

- Multi-Benefit
- Honest Communication
- Creative Thinking
- Conflict Resolution
- Build Trust

“ALL BOATS MUST RISE”

Affirming Positive Message

- RD 2068 believes in the balance and stewardship of the lands. RD 2068 joined the partnership to assist in getting projects done, whether flood conveyance, habitat projects, promoting agricultural sustainability for generations to come.
- Partnerships work, when all agencies small and big can participate together and get results.
- That is our goal and when that happens projects get done!





**Partnerships are great when all agencies
small and big are able to participate
together, that is our goal and when that
happens projects get done!**



Questions?



Section 5 – Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

Communication and Engagement (C&E)

Purpose: To coordinate strategic and sustainable engagement for the Partnership

- External Coordination
 - Engaging with organizations & interested parties in the YBCS region
- Internal Coordination
 - Proactive & transparent communication between partners, committees & workgroups

C&E Workgroup:

- Represent the Partnership
- Develop consistent messaging & protocols for information sharing
- Provide a platform for communication & coordination
- Collaborate with local agencies, Tribes, landowners, project proponents, and NGO organizations in the region.

Inform



Partnership
Engagement

A screenshot of the YBCS Partnership website homepage. The header features the YBCS Partnership logo (a circular arrangement of green and blue dots) and navigation links: ABOUT US, FOCUS AREAS, RESOURCES, and a prominent GET INVOLVED button. The main content area has a green background with the text "Envision. Build. Sustain." and "Planning for an Integrated, Resilient Future", accompanied by a "LEARN MORE" button. To the right is a large photograph of a wetland landscape with water, reeds, and a bird in flight. The footer of the website displays the URL "www.ybcspartnership.org".

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Engage

Newsletters, emails & bulletins using GovDelivery (Listserv)



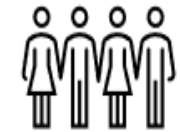
Communicate & Engage

Accelerate & streamline
messaging



Enhance Awareness

Inform & engage interested
parties



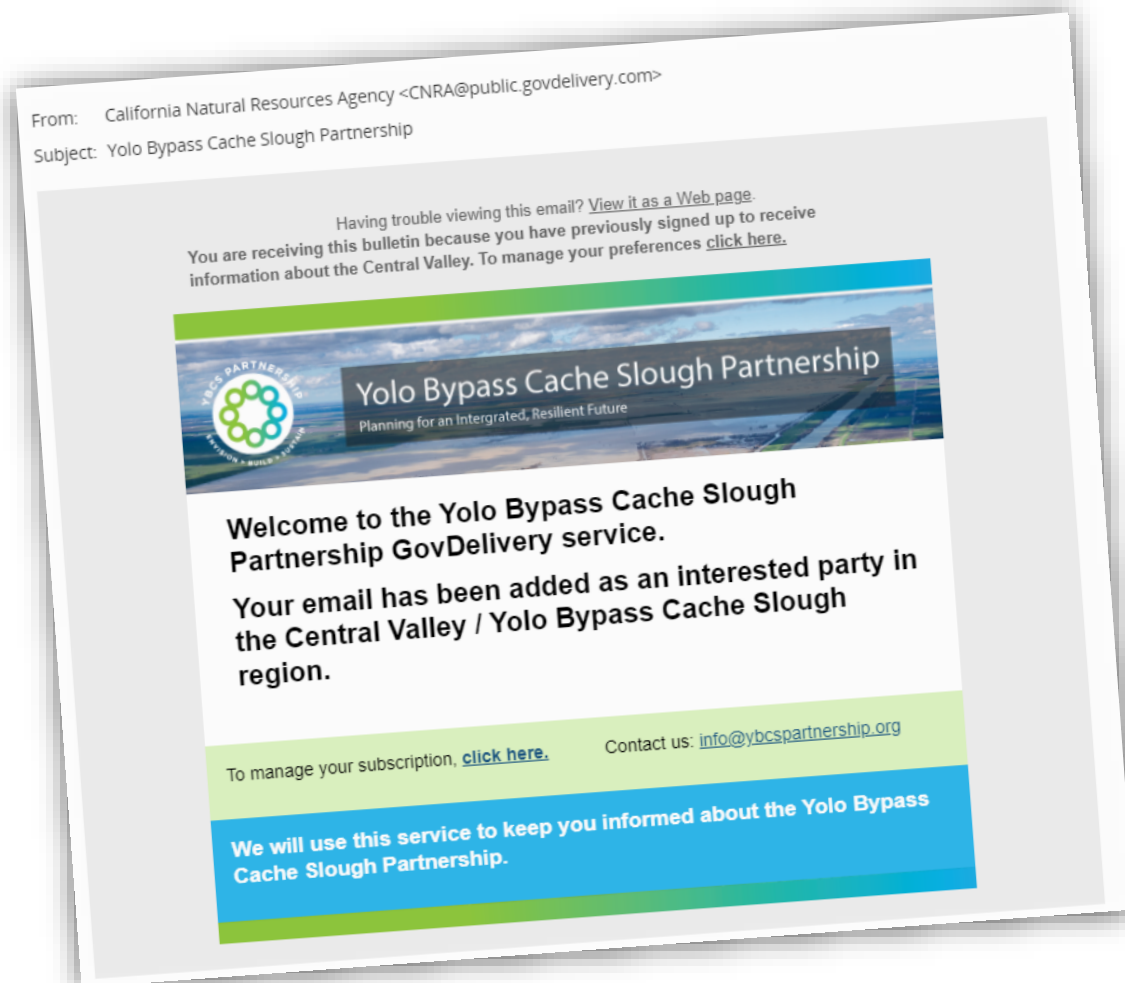
Improve Involvement in the Partnership

Increase the contributions made
by those in the community



Partnership
Engagement

Bulletin Analytics



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✗ Twitter

✓ RSS

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Delivered

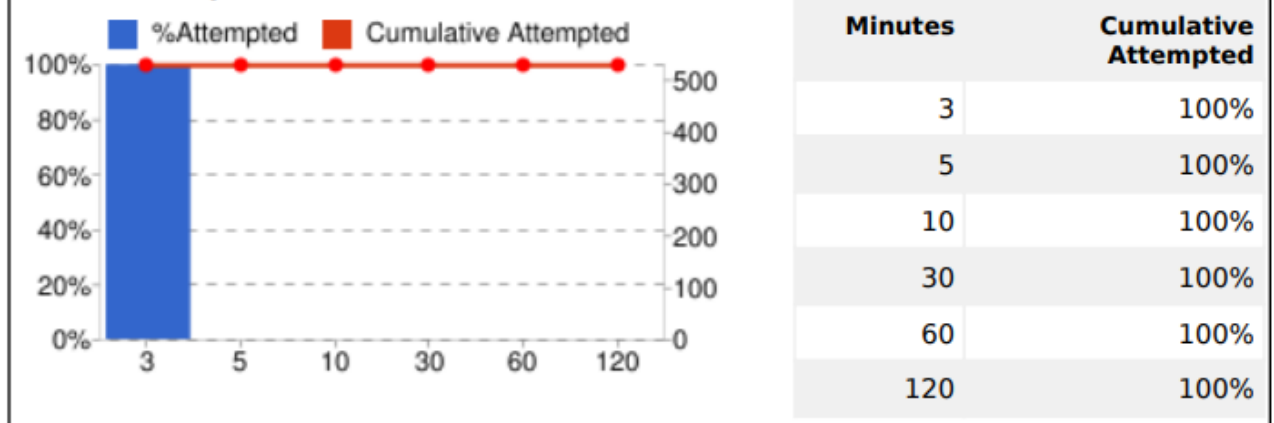
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32% Open Rate

14% Click Rate

Email Delivery Stats



Delivery Metrics - Details

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0 (0%) Unsubscribed

Bulletin Analytics

1,086 Total Opens
168 (32%) Unique Opens
132 Total Clicks
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Upcoming YBCS C&E Activities

Expand Communication

Inform on the Master Plan

Foster Partnership Engagement

Outreach for CEQA / Scoping

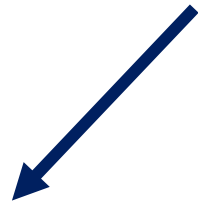
Programmatic Environmental Compliance



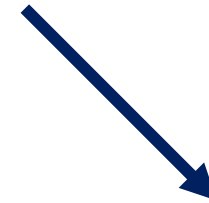
Environmental Compliance Overview & Why

Environmental Document Preparation

- Environmental Effects: Positive & Negative

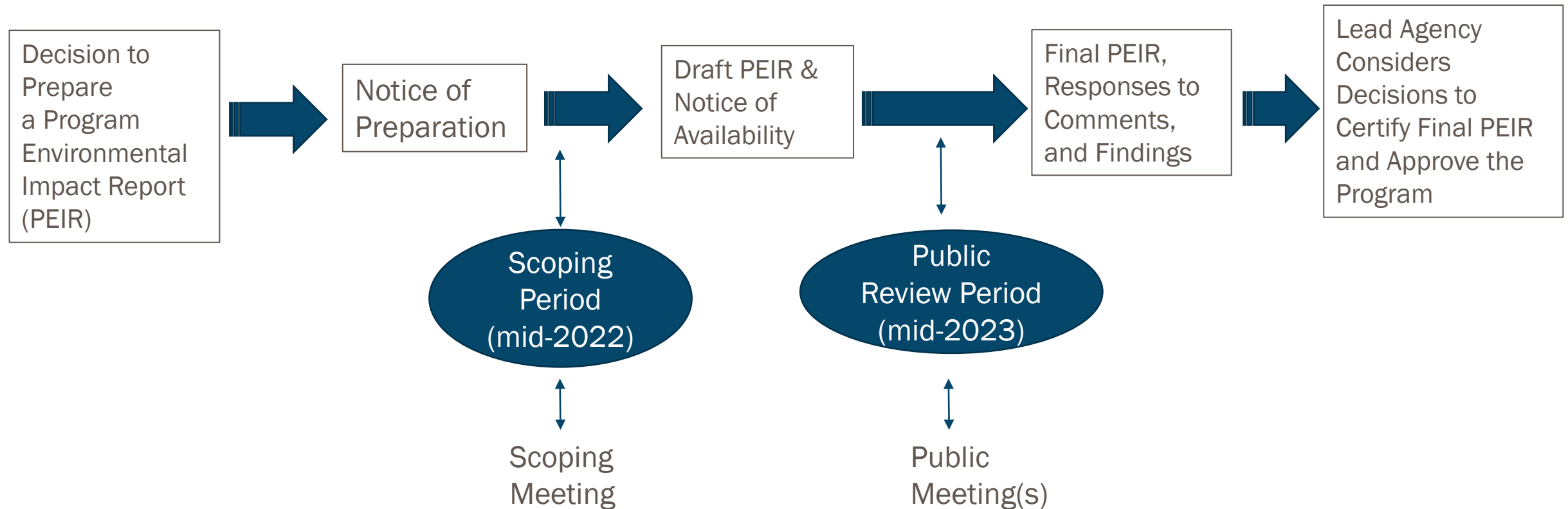


Master Plan



Programmatic Permitting
of Master Plan

Program CEQA Process



CEQA Scoping for the PEIR

- Purpose of Scoping and NOP distribution is to request input on:
 - Scope and content of program level EIR
 - Significant environmental issues
 - Reasonable alternatives
 - Mitigation measures
- NOP Distribution:
 - Email distribution
 - Landowner and Tribes physical mailing
 - Partnership outreach
 - General circulation newspapers
- Scoping meeting(s)

Tribal Engagement

- Informational meeting (Planning in process)
- Native American Tribal Consultation (AB 52 & CNRA Policy)
- Seeking Tribal input and collaboration on:
 - Planning
 - Cultural Resources (archaeological/historic) and Tribal Cultural Resources protection

Programmatic Permitting

Purpose:

- Obtain programmatic coverage for projects and OMRRR activities
- Maximize efficiencies

Efforts Related to:

- Flood Control System (RHA -Section 408)
- Special-Status Species, Habitat, and Wetlands (ESA, CESA, LSAA, CWA Section 404)
- Water Quality (CWA Section 401, CWC)
- Cultural and Historic Resources (NHPA Section 106)



Questions?



Section 6 – Discussion

Please tell us about yourself or who you represent.

- Federal
- State
- Local Agency
- Native American Tribes
- Non-profit
- Consultant
- Land Owner
- Association
- Other

What can we do to foster and encourage participation?

- Website postings
- Newsletters / bulletins / emails
- Outreach meetings
- Agency briefings
- Other - Please note in the comments

What concerns should
be addressed during the
development of the
Master Plan?

Questions & Discussion



Conclusion – Key Take-Aways



What's Next?

- CEQA Scoping meetings & mailers
- Environmental document reviews
- Tribal consultation
- Master Plan Public Draft review

Thank you

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Questions?

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