



**Agenda Item:** Informational briefing on Bay Delta Conservation Plan

**Background**

For nearly four years, the State of California has worked with federal resource agencies, conservation organizations, water agencies, local government agencies and others to improve the ecosystem of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and California's water supplies. This effort has resulted in the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) and a strategy that integrates water flows and quality, habitat restoration and other ecological actions to help reverse the decline of the Delta's native fish, plant and wildlife species. In addition, the BDCP process has identified conveyance facilities to help secure water supplies for millions of Californians against seismic risk, levee failure and climate change.

In December 2010, the Natural Resources Agency prepared an overview of the Plan's central elements, approaches to its most challenging issues, and concerns or differing opinions from participants in the BDCP process. The highlights document is not a final plan, and work on additional scientific and technical analysis is ongoing. This work must be completed prior to the issuance of a draft BDCP and draft Environmental Impact Report and Statement this year.

A copy of the report is available at:

[http://resources.ca.gov/docs/Highlights\\_of\\_the\\_BDCP\\_FINAL\\_12-14-10\\_2361.pdf](http://resources.ca.gov/docs/Highlights_of_the_BDCP_FINAL_12-14-10_2361.pdf)

Karla Nemeth from the Natural Resources Agency will make an informational presentation on the status of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

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