

1 **Memorandum of Agreement**

2 Commitments to adaptive management and collaborative science will be secured through a MOA
3 between DWR, Reclamation, the public water agencies, DFW, NMFS, and USFWS. Details of the
4 collaborative science and adaptive management process, including adaptive management decision-
5 making, an organizational structure for adaptive management decisions, and funding for
6 collaborative science will be developed through the MOA, as needed.

7 **Scientific Basis for Adaptive Management**

8 Adaptive management is a systematic process to continually improve management policies and
9 practices by learning from our actions (Holling 1978; Walters 1986). It requires well-articulated
10 management objectives to guide decisions about what science to try, and explicit assumptions about
11 expected outcomes to compare against actual outcomes (Williams et al. 2009). Adaptive
12 management uses a process to clearly articulate objectives, identify management alternatives,
13 predict management consequences, recognize key uncertainties in advance, and monitor and
14 evaluate outcomes. This structured and systematic process is what differentiates adaptive
15 management from a trial and error approach (National Research Council 2004a; Williams 2011a).
16 Learning, facilitated through deliberate design and testing, is an integral component of adaptive
17 management (Williams et al. 2009; Allen et al. 2011; Williams 2011a).

18 Adaptive management is a particularly useful framework in the face of scientific uncertainty. The
19 principles of adaptive management lend themselves to water management and ecological
20 restoration in the Bay-Delta (CALFED Bay-Delta Program 2000; Reed et al. 2007, 2010; Healey 2008;
21 Dahm et al. 2009; National Research Council 2011; Parker et al. 2011, 2012; Delta Stewardship
22 Council 2013). In particular, a National Research Council (2011) panel found that despite the
23 challenges, there often is no better option for implementing water management regimes. The
24 adaptive management program for the proposed project will be designed and implemented with
25 these principals and scientific guidance in mind.

26 **4.1.3 Description of Alternative 2D**

27 This section provides description of the components and operation of water conveyance facilities,
28 ESA and CESA compliance process, and environmental commitments that will be implemented
29 under Alternative 2D. Table 4.4-4 below, provides a brief summary comparison of these elements
30 between Alternatives 4A, 2A, and 2D.

31 **4.1.3.1 Water Conveyance Facility Construction and Maintenance**

32 Under Alternative 2D, water conveyance facilities would be constructed and maintained similarly to
33 those proposed and analyzed under Alternative 4 (including the modifications described in Section
34 3, *Conveyance Facility Modifications to Alternative 4*, of this RDEIS/SDEIS); however, this alternative
35 would entail five intakes in the same locations as those under Alternative 2A (as shown in Figure 3-2
36 of the Draft EIR/EIS), rather than three. Water would primarily be conveyed from the north Delta to
37 the south Delta through pipelines and tunnels. Water would be diverted from the Sacramento River
38 through five fish-screened intakes on the east bank of the Sacramento River between Freeport and
39 Courtland (Intakes 1–5) and would be conveyed to a sedimentation basin before reaching the
40 tunnels. From the intakes, water would flow into an initial single-bore tunnel, which would lead to
41 an intermediate forebay on Glannvale Tract. From the southern end of this forebay, water would

1 pass through an outlet structure into a dual-bore tunnel where it would flow by gravity to the south
 2 Delta. Water would then reach pumping plants northeast of the Clifton Court Forebay, where it
 3 would be pumped from the tunnels into the north cell of the expanded Clifton Court Forebay. The
 4 forebay would be dredged and redesigned to provide an area that would isolate water flowing from
 5 the new north Delta facilities from water diverted from south Delta channels.

6 **Table 4.1-4. Comparison of Alternatives 4, 2A, and 2D**

Element of Project Description	Alternative 4 (BDCP)	Alternative 2A	Alternative 2D
ESA Compliance	Section 10 (DWR)/Section 7 (Reclamation)	Section 10 (DWR)/Section 7 (Reclamation)	Section 7
California Endangered Species law Compliance	NCCPA	NCCPA	2081(b) permit
Facilities	Modified Pipeline/Tunnel Alignment: 3 intakes, 9,000 cfs	Pipeline/Tunnel Alignment: 5 intakes, 15,000 cfs	Modified Pipeline/Tunnel Alignment: 5 intakes, 15,000 cfs
Operations	Dual Conveyance; Operational Scenarios H1–H4 with Decision Tree (see Chapter 3, Section 3.6.4.2 of the Draft EIR/EIS); evaluated at LLT	Dual Conveyance; Operational Scenario B (see Chapter 3, Section 3.6.4.2 of the Draft EIR/EIS); evaluated at LLT	Dual Conveyance; Operational Scenario B without Fremont Weir modifications; evaluated at ELT
Conservation Measures/ Environmental Commitments	Conservation Measures 2–21; includes Yolo Bypass Improvements and 65,000 acres of tidal wetland restoration	Conservation Measures 2–21; includes Yolo Bypass Improvements and 65,000 acres of tidal wetland restoration	Environmental Commitments 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16; includes up to 65 acres of tidal wetland restoration
CEQA Baseline	Existing Conditions	Existing Conditions	Existing Conditions
NEPA Baseline	No Action Alternative at LLT	No Action Alternative at LLT	No Action Alternative at ELT

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8 A map and a schematic diagram depicting the conveyance facilities associated with the modified
 9 pipeline/tunnel alignment are provided in Mapbook Figure M3-4 in the Mapbook Volume and
 10 Figure 3-10 in Appendix A of this RDEIR/SDEIS (note, however, that these figures depict three
 11 intake locations, rather than five; all five intake locations for Alternative 2D are shown in Figure 3-2
 12 of the Draft EIR/EIS). Each additional intake site would also require associated ancillary facilities
 13 and features, including box conduits under a widened and raised levee section, a relocated segment
 14 of State Route (SR) 160, sedimentation basins, drying lagoons, an outlet shaft, and an elevated pad
 15 hosting an electrical substation, an electrical building, and other storage buildings. During
 16 construction it is assumed that a temporary work area would surround each permanent intake site
 17 and would include a fuel station and concrete batch plant. Construction of Intake 1 would also
 18 require an additional segment of single-bore tunnel (connecting Intakes 1 and 2), as well as an
 19 expanded reusable tunnel material (RTM) area to accommodate the material associated with this
 20 tunnel. Similarly, an extension of the proposed temporary 69kV power line would be required to
 21 connect to Intake 1 during construction.

1 As proposed for Alternative 4, a new pumping facility would be constructed northeast of the north
 2 cell of the expanded Clifton Court Forebay, along with control structures to regulate the relative
 3 quantities of water flowing from the north Delta and the south Delta to the Banks and Jones
 4 Pumping Plants. Alternative 2D would entail the continued use of the SWP/CVP south Delta export
 5 facilities.

6 All other aspects of water conveyance facility design, construction, and maintenance would be
 7 similar to those described for Alternative 4 in the revised text in Chapter 3, Sections 3.4, 3.5.9, and
 8 3.6.1 and Appendix 3C, as provided in Appendix A, *Revisions to the Draft EIR/EIS*, of this
 9 RDEIR/SDEIS.

10 **4.1.3.2 Water Conveyance Facility Operations**

11 Operational components of the water conveyance facilities under Alternative 2D would be similar,
 12 but not identical, to those described under Scenario B in Chapter 3, Section 3.6.4.2 of the Draft
 13 EIR/EIS. Operational elements associated with Fremont Weir modifications would not be
 14 incorporated as part of this alternative, because Yolo Bypass improvements contemplated for
 15 Alternative 2A (under CM2 of the Draft BDCP) would not be implemented as part of Alternative 2D;
 16 instead, they would be assumed to occur as part of the No Action Alternative because they are
 17 required by the existing BiOps. For a detailed characterization of operational criteria, please refer to
 18 Chapter 3, Section 3.6.4.2 of the Draft EIR/EIS.²¹

19 Implementation of Alternative 2D would include operations of both new and existing water
 20 conveyance facilities once the new north Delta facilities are completed and become operational,
 21 thereby enabling joint management of north and south Delta diversions. Operations included in this
 22 alternative for south Delta export facilities would replace the south Delta operations currently
 23 implemented in compliance with the USFWS (2008) and NMFS (2009) BiOps. The north Delta
 24 intakes and the head of Old River barrier would be new facilities for the SWP and CVP and would be
 25 operated as described in Chapter 3, Section 3.6.4.2 of the Draft EIR/EIS. The design of the HORB is
 26 not yet complete, and should design change substantially from what is assumed in this
 27 RDEIR/SDEIS, such that there is a potential for new effects, additional CEQA and/or NEPA review
 28 would be required. Compliance with all other criteria included in the USFWS (2008) and NMFS
 29 (2009) BiOps and State Water Resources Control Board Water Right Decision 1641 (D-1641),
 30 including Fall X2, the E:I ratio, and operations of the Delta Cross Channel gates and the Suisun Marsh
 31 Salinity Control Gates, will continue as part of the continued operations of the CVP and SWP. As
 32 such, when compared to operations under the No Action Alternative, Alternative 2D includes
 33 modified or new operations and criteria of only the following elements.

- 34 ● North Delta intake facilities.
- 35 ● South Delta export operations.
- 36 ● Head of Old River barrier operations.
- 37 ● Rio Vista minimum flow standard in January through August.

²¹ Note that these proposed operational criteria would only take effect after the proposed conveyance facilities are operational. Until that time, operations would occur as described in the USFWS 2008 and NMFS 2009 BiOps or as modified by the outcome of ongoing ESA compliance processes pertaining to operation of the existing facilities.

1 Alternative 2D operations include a preference for south Delta pumping in July through September
 2 to provide limited flushing for improving general water quality conditions and reduced residence
 3 times.

4 **Real-Time Operational Decision-Making Process**

5 RTOs are expected to be needed during at least some part of the year at the Head of Old River gate
 6 and the north and south Delta diversion facilities. In making operational decisions, the RTO Team
 7 will take into account upstream operational constraints such as coldwater pool management,
 8 instream flow, and temperature requirements. The extent to which real time adjustments that may
 9 be made to each parameter related to these facilities shall be limited by the criteria and/or ranges is
 10 set out in Table 4.1-2 of this RDEIR/SDEIS. Any modifications to the parameters subject to real time
 11 operational adjustments or to the criteria and/or ranges set out in Table 4.1-2 shall occur only
 12 through the adaptive management.

13 **Head of Old River gate.** Operations for the Head of Old River gate would be managed under RTOs
 14 as set forth in Table 4.1-2.

15 **North Delta diversions.** Operations for North Delta bypass flows will be managed according to the
 16 criteria described in Table 4.1-2.

17 **South Delta diversions.** The south Delta diversions will be managed under RTO to achieve OMR
 18 criteria, throughout the year based on fish protection triggers (e.g., salvage density, calendar, species
 19 distribution, entrainment risk, turbidity, and flow based triggers). Increased restrictions as well as
 20 relaxations of the OMR criteria may occur as a result of observed physical and biological
 21 information. Additionally, as described above for the north Delta diversions, RTO would also be
 22 managed to distribute pumping activities amongst the five north Delta and two south Delta intake
 23 facilities to maximize both survival of covered fish species in the Delta and water supply.

24 **Timing for Implementation of Operations**

25 Implementation of Alternative 2D would include operations of both new and existing water
 26 conveyance facilities as described above, once the new north Delta facilities are completed and
 27 become operational, thereby enabling joint management of north and south Delta diversions. Until
 28 that time, operations will be governed by existing and applicable requirements and standards
 29 included in the NMFS (2009) and USFWS (2008) BiOps and D-1641, and any regulations that
 30 supersede those requirements.

31 **4.1.3.3 Environmental Commitments**

32 To achieve the applicable regulatory standards under ESA Section 7 and CESA Section 2081(b) while
 33 also complying with NEPA and CEQA, a subset of those activities proposed in Alternative 2A would
 34 be implemented under Alternative 2D. Specifically, portions of the actions proposed under CM3,
 35 CM4, CM6, CM7, CM8, CM9, CM10, CM11, CM12, CM15, and CM16 would be included in Alternative
 36 2D.

37 As described in Section 4.1.2.3 for Alternative 4A, these repackaged and limited elements of the
 38 original BDCP Conservation Measures are instead referred to as "Environmental Commitments" for
 39 the purposes of Alternative 2D: Environmental Commitments 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, and 16, as
 40 summarized in Table 4.1-5 of this RDEIR/SDEIS. These commitments consist primarily of habitat

1 restoration, protection, enhancement, and management activities necessary to offset—that is,
 2 mitigate for—adverse effects from construction of the proposed water conveyance facilities, along
 3 with species-specific resource restoration and protection principles to ensure that implementation
 4 of these commitments would achieve the intended mitigation of impacts (for a list of these
 5 standards, along with species-specific mitigation needs, see Table 4.1-8 of this RDEIR/SDEIS).²²
 6 Where impact statements or mitigation measures refer to Conservation Measures, these statements
 7 have been changed in the analysis for Alternative 2D to refer instead to the parallel Environmental
 8 Commitments. Additionally, pertinent elements included as Avoidance and Minimization Measures
 9 and the proposed Adaptive Management and Monitoring Program would be implemented as
 10 applicable to the activities proposed under Alternative 2D.²³ These, too, would serve a mitigation
 11 function under CEQA. All of these components would function as *de facto* CEQA and NEPA mitigation
 12 measures for the construction and operations-related impacts of Alternative 2D. Details regarding
 13 the implementation of these activities under Alternative 2D are provided below and in Table 4.1-5 of
 14 this RDEIR/SDEIS.

15 The RDEIR/SDEIS describes and analyzes Environmental Commitments 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15,
 16 and 16 at a level of detail consistent with that applied to these activities under other alternatives in
 17 the Draft EIR/EIS. (See CEQA Guidelines, § 15126.4[a][1][D] [EIRs must discuss significant effects of
 18 mitigation measures, “but in less detail than the significant effects of the project as proposed”]; see
 19 also *California Native Plant Society v. City of Rancho Cordova* (2009) 172 Cal.App.4th 603, 621-625
 20 [lead agency did not violate CEQA by failing to identify the off-site location at which mitigation for
 21 impacts to on-site wetlands would be carried out].) Specific locations for implementing many of the
 22 activities associated with these commitments have not been identified at this time. Therefore, the
 23 analyses consider typical construction, operation, and maintenance activities that would be
 24 undertaken for implementation of the habitat restoration and enhancement and stressor reduction
 25 efforts. Where appropriate and necessary, implementation of individual projects associated with an
 26 environmental commitment would be subject to additional environmental review. (See CEQA
 27 Guidelines, §§ 15162–15164; 40 C.F.R. § 1502.9[c].)

28 Note that many of the actions formerly part of Alternative 2A but not proposed to be implemented
 29 under Alternative 2D would continue to be pursued as part of existing but separate projects and
 30 programs associated with (1) the 2008 and 2009 USFWS and NMFS BiOps (e.g., Yolo Bypass
 31 improvements, 8,000 acres of tidal habitat restoration), (2) California EcoRestore and (3) the 2014
 32 California Water Action Plan. Those actions are separate from, and independent of, Alternative 2D.
 33 Therefore, for the purposes of Alternative 2D, these elements (and their associated environmental
 34 effects) are considered either as part of the No Action Alternative, as described in Section 4.2,
 35 *Impacts of No Action Alternative Early Long-Term*, or as part of the cumulative impact analysis, as
 36 described in Section 5, *Revisions to Cumulative Impact Analyses*, of this RDEIR/SDEIS.

²² While these are distinct from the environmental commitments described in Appendix 3B, *Environmental Commitments*, of the Draft EIR/EIS, both sets of commitments would apply to implementation of Alternative 2D.

²³ Specifically, AMMs 1–7, 10, 12–15, 18, 20–25, 30, and 37 would be carried forward under implementation of this alternative.

1 **Table 4.1-5. Environmental Commitments under Alternative 2D**

Environmental Commitment 3: Natural Communities Protection and Restoration	
Valley/Foothill Riparian	122 acres
Grassland	1,089 acres
Vernal Pool Complex and Alkali Seasonal Wetland Complex	150 acres
Nontidal Marsh	187 acres
Cultivated Lands	13,410 acres
Total:	Up to 14,958 acres
Environmental Commitment 4: Tidal Natural Communities Restoration	
	Up to 65 acres
Environmental Commitment 6: Channel Margin Enhancement	
	Up to 5.5 levee miles
Environmental Commitment 7: Riparian Natural Community Restoration	
	Up to 297 acres
Environmental Commitment 8: Grassland Natural Community	
	Up to 1,099 acres
Environmental Commitment 9: Vernal Pool and Alkali Seasonal Wetland Complex Restoration	
	Up to 34 acres
Environmental Commitment 10: Nontidal Marsh Restoration	
	Up to 1,307 acres
Environmental Commitment 11: Natural Communities Enhancement and Management	
	At sites protected or restored under Environmental Commitments 3–10
Environmental Commitment 12: Methylmercury Management	
	At sites restored under Environmental Commitment 4
Environmental Commitment 15: Localized Reduction of Predatory Fishes	
	At north Delta intakes and at Clifton Court Forebay
Environmental Commitment 16: Nonphysical Fish Barrier	
	At Georgiana Slough

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3 **Environmental Commitment 3: Natural Communities Protection and Restoration**

4 This action would consist of the acquisition of lands for protection and restoration of listed species
5 habitat in perpetuity and would be implemented in the same way as described in Conservation
6 Measure 3 in the Draft BDCP but over less area. For the purposes of Alternative 2D, this action
7 would entail protection of approximately 14,958 acres, of natural communities and cultivated land,
8 as shown in Table 4.1-5. This protection and restoration would mitigate for the loss of terrestrial
9 species habitat associated with construction of the water conveyance facilities.

10 **Environmental Commitment 4: Tidal Natural Communities Restoration**

11 This action would consist of the restoration of tidal natural communities and transitional uplands
12 and would be implemented in the same way as described in Conservation Measure 4 in Appendix D,
13 *Substantive BDCP Revisions*, of this RDEIR/SDEIS, but over less area. For the purposes of analysis of
14 Alternative 2D, this action would entail restoration of approximately 65 acres (including transitional
15 uplands), as shown in Table 4.1-5. This analysis assumes that none of these 65 acres of tidal
16 restoration will be done in the Suisun Marsh area. Tidal habitat restoration would mitigate for the
17 physical loss of aquatic habitat associated with construction of the north Delta intake facilities. The
18 current proposed acreage is a total of 65 acres. However, actual acreage may change based on
19 further discussions with NMFS, USFWS, and DFW pertaining to the actual value of the current
20 habitat and/or the appropriate ratio of mitigation or based on footprint changes. Based on initial

1 discussions, the maximum ratio applied to tidal wetland mitigation is 3:1, and therefore would not
2 exceed 195 acres for this alternative.

3 **Environmental Commitment 6: Channel Margin Enhancement**

4 This action would consist of the enhancement of channel margin habitat and would be implemented
5 in the same way as described in Conservation Measure 6 in the Draft BDCP but over less linear
6 distance. For the purposes of Alternative 2D, this action would entail enhancement of approximately
7 5.5 levee miles, as shown in Table 4.1-5. This would mitigate for the loss of salmonid habitat
8 associated with construction of the north Delta intake facilities.

9 **Environmental Commitment 7: Riparian Natural Community Restoration**

10 This action would consist of the restoration of riparian natural communities and would be
11 implemented in the same way as described in Conservation Measure 7 in the Draft BDCP but over
12 less area. For the purposes of Alternative 2D, this action would entail restoration of approximately
13 297 acres, as shown in Table 4.1-5. This would mitigate for the loss of terrestrial species habitat
14 associated with construction of the water conveyance facilities.

15 **Environmental Commitment 8: Grassland Natural Community**

16 This action would consist of the restoration of grassland habitat and would be implemented in the
17 same way as described in Conservation Measure 8 in the Draft BDCP but over less area. For the
18 purposes of Alternative 2D, this action would entail restoration of approximately 1,099 acres as
19 shown in Table 4.1-5. This would mitigate for the loss of terrestrial species habitat associated with
20 construction of the water conveyance facilities.

21 **Environmental Commitment 9: Vernal Pool and Alkali Seasonal Wetland Complex 22 Restoration**

23 This action would consist of the restoration of vernal pool and alkali seasonal wetland complex and
24 would be implemented in the same way as described in Conservation Measure 9 in the Draft BDCP
25 but over less area. For the purposes of Alternative 2D, this action would entail restoration of up to
26 34 total acres of vernal pool complex and/or alkali seasonal wetland complex, as shown in Table
27 4.1-5. This would mitigate for the loss of species habitat associated with construction of the water
28 conveyance facilities.

29 **Environmental Commitment 10: Nontidal Marsh Restoration**

30 This action would consist of the restoration of nontidal marsh and would be implemented in the
31 same way as described in Conservation Measure 10 in the Draft BDCP but over less area. For the
32 purposes of Alternative 2D, this action would entail restoration of up to 1,307 acres of nontidal
33 marsh, as shown in Table 4.1-5. This would mitigate for the loss of species habitat associated with
34 construction of the water conveyance facilities.

35 **Environmental Commitment 11: Natural Communities Enhancement and 36 Management**

37 This action would apply to all protected and restored habitats under Alternative 2D and would be
38 implemented, where applicable, to manage and enhance these lands consistent with the approach

1 described under Conservation Measure 11 in the Draft BDCP. These actions would support
 2 mitigation for the loss of terrestrial species habitat associated with construction of the water
 3 conveyance facilities.

4 **Environmental Commitment 12: Methylmercury Management**

5 This action would minimize conditions that promote production of methylmercury in restored tidal
 6 wetland areas and its subsequent introduction to the foodweb, and to listed species in particular.
 7 Implementation of this action would be consistent with the revised description of Conservation
 8 Measure 12 (see Appendix D, *Substantive BDCP Revisions*, of this RDEIR/SDEIS). The portions of the
 9 measure applicable to effects in the Yolo Bypass would not apply because Yolo Bypass
 10 improvements would not be implemented as part of this alternative.

11 **Environmental Commitment 15: Localized Reduction of Predatory Fishes (Predator 12 Control)**

13 This action would reduce populations of predatory fishes at locations of high predation risk (i.e.,
 14 predation hotspots) associated with construction and operation of the proposed water conveyance
 15 facilities. Implementation of this action would be consistent with the revised description of
 16 Conservation Measure 15 (see Appendix D, *Substantive BDCP Revisions*, of this RDEIR/SDEIS);
 17 however, for the purposes of Alternative 2D, this action would be applied only to the reach of the
 18 Sacramento River adjacent to the north Delta intakes and to Clifton Court Forebay. This commitment
 19 would mitigate for effects on salmonid predation associated with operation of new conveyance
 20 facilities. There is also a potential for incidental benefits to other listed species as a result of this
 21 commitment.

22 **Environmental Commitment 16: Nonphysical Fish Barrier**

23 This action would be implemented to address effects related to survival of outmigrating juvenile
 24 salmonids by installing a nonphysical barrier at Georgiana Slough to redirect fish away from
 25 channels and river reaches in which survival is lower than in alternate routes. Implementation of
 26 this action would be consistent with the revised description of Conservation Measure 16 (see
 27 Appendix D, *Substantive BDCP Revisions*, of this RDEIR/SDEIS); however, for the purposes of
 28 Alternative 2D, this action would be applied only to Georgiana Slough. This commitment would
 29 mitigate for effects on salmonid survival associated with operation of north Delta intakes and
 30 associated flows.

31 **Avoidance and Minimization Measures**

32 AMMs 1–7, 10–15, 18, 20–25, 27, 30, and 37–39 would apply to all construction activities under
 33 Alternative 2D and would be implemented, where applicable, to avoid and minimize impacts on
 34 listed species, consistent with the approach described in Appendix 3.C, *Avoidance and Minimization
 35 Measures*, of the Draft BDCP, and in Appendix D of this RDEIR/SDEIS. These actions would minimize
 36 the risk of impacts on species resulting from construction activities.

37 **Collaborative Science and Adaptive Management Program**

38 Considerable scientific uncertainty exists regarding the Delta ecosystem, including the effects of CVP
 39 and SWP operations and the related operational criteria. To address this uncertainty, DWR,
 40 Reclamation, DFW, USFWS, NMFS, and the public water agencies will establish a robust program of

1 collaborative science, monitoring, and adaptive management. For the purposes of analysis, it is
 2 assumed that the Collaborative Science and Adaptive Management Program (AMMP) developed for
 3 Alternative 2D would not, by itself, create nor contribute to any new significant environmental
 4 effects; instead, the AMMP would influence the operation and management of facilities and
 5 protected or restored habitat associated with Alternative 2D.

6 Collaborative science and adaptive management will support the proposed project by helping to
 7 address scientific uncertainty where it exists, and as it relates to the benefits and impacts of the
 8 construction and operations of the new water conveyance facility and existing CVP and SWP
 9 facilities. Specifically, collaborative science and adaptive management will, as appropriate, develop
 10 and use new information and insight gained during the course of project construction and operation
 11 to inform and improve:

- 12 • the design of fish facilities including the intake fish screens;
- 13 • the operation of the water conveyance facilities under the Section 7 biological opinion and 2081b
 14 permit; and
- 15 • habitat restoration and other mitigation measures conducted under the biological opinions and
 16 2081b permits.

17 In summary, the broad purposes of the program will be to: 1) undertake collaborative science, 2)
 18 guide the development and implementation of scientific investigations and monitoring for both
 19 permit compliance and adaptive management, and 3) apply new information and insights to
 20 management decisions and actions. For additional information on how the AMMP would be
 21 implemented, see Section 4.1.2.4 in this RDEIR/SDEIS.

22 **4.1.4 Description of Alternative 5A**

23 This section provides description of the components and operation of water conveyance facilities,
 24 ESA and CESA compliance process, and environmental commitments that will be implemented
 25 under Alternative 5A. Table 4.4-6 below, provides a brief summary comparison of these elements
 26 between Alternatives 4, 5, and 5A.

27 **4.1.4.1 Water Conveyance Facility Construction and Maintenance**

28 Under Alternative 5A, water conveyance facilities would be constructed and maintained similarly to
 29 those proposed and analyzed under Alternative 4 (including the modifications described in Section
 30 3, *Alternative 4: Conveyance Facility Modifications*, of this RDEIR/SDEIS); however, this alternative
 31 would entail one intake (Intake 2), rather than three. Water would be conveyed from the north Delta
 32 to the south Delta through pipelines and tunnels. Water would be diverted from the Sacramento
 33 River through one fish-screened intake on the east bank of the Sacramento River near Clarksburg
 34 (Intake 2). Water would travel from the intake to a sedimentation basin before reaching the tunnel.
 35 From the intake water would flow into an initial single-bore tunnel, which would lead to an
 36 intermediate forebay on Glannvale Tract. From the southern end of this forebay, water would pass
 37 through an outlet structure into a dual-bore tunnel where it would flow by gravity to the south
 38 Delta. Water would then reach pumping plants northeast of the Clifton Court Forebay, where it
 39 would be pumped from the tunnels into the north cell of the expanded Clifton Court Forebay. The
 40 forebay would be dredged and redesigned to provide an area that would isolate water flowing from
 41 the new north Delta facilities from water diverted from south Delta channels.