Wildlife Connectivity Action Bank Checklists

When a bank sponsor proposes a Bank with a wildlife connectivity action, the bank sponsor must provide specific information about the wildlife connectivity action within the draft prospectus (optional), prospectus, and bank agreement package in addition to what is required for the standard <u>bank checklist</u>.

This checklist is based on the **March 2021 version** of the Bank checklist with the wildlife connection action requirements **bolded**. These bolded items are the wildlife connectivity action information that the sponsor shall include for California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to fully review, evaluate, and determine the banks' acceptability when submitting a bank package. The sponsor may need to use general or public data information sources to provide the requested information in the surrounding lands, especially those that are privately owned. CDFW encourages bank sponsors to submit a draft prospectus for banks with wildlife conservation actions for CDFW to help review the credit process. Additional changes to this checklist will be reviewed during the pilot period as projects are implemented.

Optional Draft Prospectus Checklist for Conservation and Mitigation Banks with Wildlife Connectivity Actions in California: Please refer to the "Interagency Guidance for Preparing Mitigation Bank Proposals in California", revised March 2021, for procedures related to the submission of a conservation and mitigation bank proposal.

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- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) -- <u>USACE Regulatory Public Notices</u> and <u>References homepage</u>
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) -- <u>USEPA (Federal)</u>
 <u>Guidance for the Establishment, Use and Operation of Mitigation Banks</u>
 webpage
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) <u>USFWS Conservation Banking homepage</u>
- National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) -- <u>Mitigation Banks, Conservation</u>
 <u>Banks, and In-Lieu Fee Programs in the West Coast Region webpage</u>
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) -- <u>Conservation and Mitigation Banking homepage</u>
- State Water Resources Control Board SWRCB website homepage

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Following Interagency Review Team (IRT) review of the Draft Prospectus, additional information may be requested for evaluating the proposal. Acceptance of a Draft Prospectus does not guarantee final approval of a Bank; only that the review can proceed to the Prospectus.

This preliminary review is optional but strongly recommended. It is intended to identify potential issues early so the Bank Sponsor may attempt to address those issues prior to the start of the formal review process.

The following information is needed to evaluate the Draft Prospectus. A greater level of detail provided in the Draft Prospectus will result in a more comprehensive assessment of the site's suitability. When including attachments to the Draft Prospectus, please use descriptively labeled file names to facilitate IRT review.

Electronic copies of the documents described in this checklist must be uploaded to the proposed Bank's Cyber Repository in <u>Regulatory In-lieu fee and Bank Information Tracking System</u> (RIBITS). For submittal of draft prospectus documents, please contact the agencies reviewing the bank proposal for instructions on how to appropriately submit a draft prospectus package.

In order to establish the Bank in RIBITS, the Bank Sponsor or their designee must coordinate with the appropriate point of contact with USACE, USFWS, or National Marine Fisheries Service and provide the following information:

- Bank name.
- USACE identification number (if known),
- type of Bank (private commercial, combination public/private, single client), latitude and longitude (in decimal degrees), and
- a map of the proposed Bank Property.

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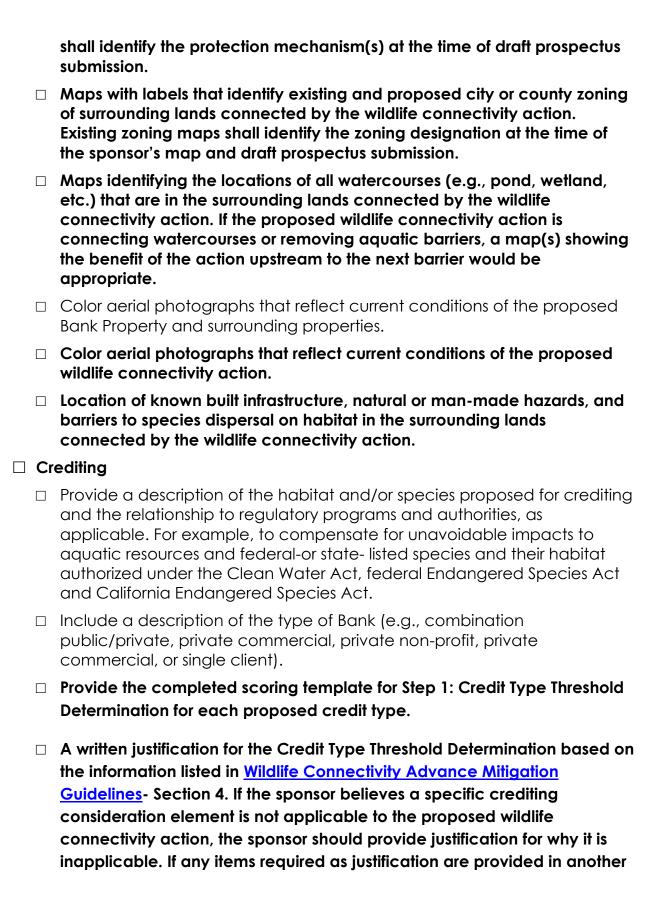
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Ba	nk Contacts
Ov	clude the name, address, phone, fax, and email for: Bank Sponsor, Property wner, and, if known, consultants, proposed Endowment Holder, proposed onservation Easement Grantee, etc.
Ва	nk Purpose
	Describe how the property would provide suitable habitat (e.g., the factors considered during the site selection process, including watershed scale features such as aquatic habitat diversity, habitat connectivity, relationships to hydrologic sources, land use trends, ecological benefits, occupied with listed species and compatibility with adjacent land uses).
	Conceptually describe how the wildlife connectivity action will increase connectivity for each target species and whether the wildlife connectivity action location is within the target species' or target habitats' critical linkage.
	The current wildlife connectivity action location and why that particular location was chosen for each target species and target habitat.
Lo	cation Maps and Aerial Photos
	General vicinity map (identifying major cities, roads, county boundaries, or other commonly recognizable landmarks);
	Address; if no street address is available, include a written description of the location and driving instructions to the proposed Bank Property;
	Site and wildlife connectivity action coordinates (latitude/longitude in decimal degrees), Assessor Parcel Number(s) (APN), access points, and size (in acres) of the proposed Bank Property;
	7.5-minute U.S. Geologic Survey (USGS) map showing boundaries of the proposed Bank Property, Boundary of the wildlife connectivity action , and include the name of the quadrangle;
	All parcel boundaries that contain habitat connected by the wildlife connectivity action in the surrounding lands;
	A separate map depicting other conserved lands in the vicinity of the proposed Bank Property. The map should include the level of conservation (i.e., private land versus state land, owned in fee-title, conservation easement for agriculture, etc.);
	Maps with labels that identify existing and proposed protection mechanism(s) for all parcels in the surrounding lands connected by the wildlife connectivity action. Maps of existing protection mechanism(s)

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information twice. □ **Service Area –** If known, provide a map showing the proposed Bank Property location and its position within the limits of the proposed Service Area(s) (e.g., a USGS 8-digit hydrologic unit code (HUC), county boundaries, listed species recovery units, etc.). □ Baseline Site Conditions Briefly describe current site conditions, including: ☐ Acreage of the proposed Bank Property; Description and approximate acreage of existing habitat types on the proposed Bank Property (i.e., vernal pools, uplands); □ Habitat types located in the surrounding lands connected by the wildlife connectivity action, including any proposed target habitat. Description of whether the habitat in the surrounding lands connected by the connectivity action is currently utilized by proposed target species. □ Known quality of habitat in the surrounding lands connected by the wildlife connectivity action, including any proposed target habitat. □ Species known or potentially present (include survey methodology utilized, if conducted); □ A map showing the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) records within a 5-mile or species-specific radius of the habitat in the surrounding lands connected by the wildlife connectivity action or other appropriate dataset of species distribution or occurrence. ☐ Site history, including past and present land uses (e.g., grazing practices), location in the floodplain, surrounding land uses and zoning; □ Current ground-level photos of the Bank Property and the wildlife connectivity action location. □ Regional Context If available, briefly discuss compatibility of existing/proposed land uses with adjacent property(ies), including known present and proposed zoning designations, discuss potential conflicts with any conservation plans, CDFW

section of the Draft Prospectus Checklist, please indicate where the required information is provided. There is no need to submit the same

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conceptual area plans, Williamson Act Contracts, or other land use plans, policies, or federal/state/local regulations. Several resources are available

(BIOS) website. □ Identify whether the wildlife connectivity action location is identified in the Restoring California's Wildlife Connectivity Report (BIOS data link), and/or the California Passage Assessment Database. Is the location on a Regional Barrier List (Terrestrial or Aquatic; PAD Barrier and CDFW Barrier) Boundary of the habitat in the surrounding lands connected by the wildlife connectivity action. □ Conceptual Plan Please briefly describe how the proposed Bank Property will establish, reestablish, restore, and/or preserve aquatic resources, habitat for specialstatus species, and other habitat or resources.1 If the wildlife connectivity action requires construction, briefly describe how the proposed wildlife connectivity action will be constructed and include conceptual engineering designs (see Wildlife Connectivity **Advance Mitigation Guidelines- Section 4.1).** □ State whether any portion of the wildlife connectivity action is required for a project(s)-specific mitigation requirement. If the wildlife connectivity action is part of a larger construction project, briefly describe how the wildlife connectivity action exceeds those requirements. □ Real Estate Title Exceptions List and describe any known encumbrances on the proposed Bank Property that may affect the conservation values of the proposed Bank (e.g., severed mineral rights, utility easements, etc.). Provide information regarding

including the CDFW Biogeographic Information and Observation System

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¹ See <u>USACE South Pacific Division, Regional Compensatory Mitigation and Monitoring</u> Guidelines (PDF), Section 4.4.

ownership of any rights that have been severed from title (e.g., mineral rights, water rights, etc.).			
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lde	entify if the proposed Bank Property has been or is being used as:		
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² See <u>CDFW Banking Program's "What Lands are Appropriate for Banking?" webpage</u>

Prospectus Checklist for Conservation and Mitigation Banks in California

[Revised January 2021]

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³ Additional information may be requested to deem the prospectus complete.

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□ Bank Contacts

Include the name, address, phone, fax, and email for: Bank Sponsor, Property Owner, and, if known, consultants, proposed Endowment Holder, proposed Conservation Easement Grantee, etc.

$\ \square$ Qualifications of the Bank Sponsor

Describe qualification of Bank Sponsor to successfully complete the type(s) of mitigation project(s) proposed, including information describing any similar previous activities by the Bank Sponsor.

- □ Statement of training or on-the-job experience of team (i.e., Bank Sponsor, consultant, engineer, etc.) to design and implement Bank.
- ☐ Describe successful and unsuccessful experiences of the Bank Sponsor in similar previous activities.

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	ames and mailing addresses of adjacent Property Owners (for public bitice mailing).
Busin	ess Entity Verification and Authorizations
regist of Sto autho docu	es that wish to conduct business in California must be validly formed, ered to do business, and in good standing with the California Secretary ate's Office. The IRT will review all business entities for verification of legal prity to conduct business in California and to sign all banking ments. Please see a list of minimum required documents and provide es of documents listed by your business type:
Corp	oration (non-profit and for-profit):
	Certificate of Active Registration with the Secretary of State;
	Certificate of Good Standing;
	Articles of Incorporation, and all amendments;
	Bylaws, and all amendments; and,
	Corporate Resolution approving the transaction and authorizing the signing of all documentation.
Limite	ed Liability Company (LLC)
	Filed Certificate of Active Registration with the Secretary of State
	Certificate of Good Standing
	Articles of Organization (Form LLC-1), and all amendments
	Operating Agreement, and all amendments
	Member/Manager Written Consent approving the transaction and authorizing the signing of all documentation
Limite	ed Partnership (LP)
	Filed Certificate of Active Registration with the Secretary of State
	Certificate of Good Standing
	Certificate of Limited Partnership (Form LP-1 or LP-5), and all amendments (Form LP-2 or LP-6)
	Limited Partnership Agreement, and all amendments
	Partnership Resolution approving the transaction and authorizing the signing of all documentation

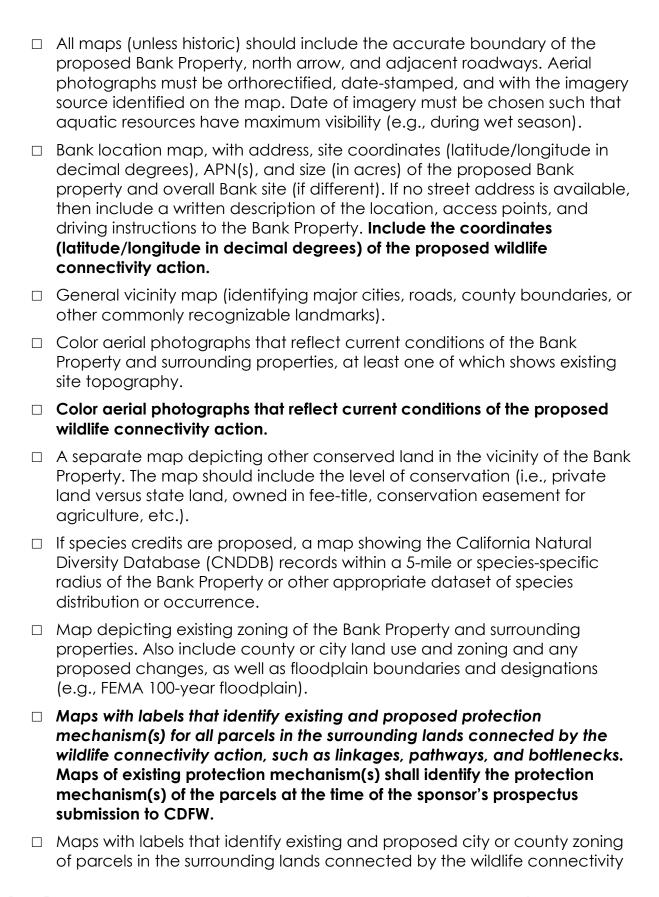
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□ Statement of Partnership authority pursuant to Section 16303 of the California Corporation Code (Form GP-1), executed by at least two partners, and a copy of any amendments to such statement (Form GP-7). Partnership Resolution approving the transaction and authorizing the signing of all documentation □ Bank Purpose and Need □ Describe purpose of Bank and its relationship to regulatory programs and authorities, as applicable (e.g., to provide compensatory wetland mitigation for unavoidable impacts to aquatic resources or federal- or state-listed species and/or habitat). In addition, include a description of the type of Bank (e.g., combination public/private, private commercial, private non-profit, private commercial, or single client). □ Describe the general need for the proposed Bank. □ Description of the factors considered during the site selection process, including watershed scale features such as aquatic habitat diversity, habitat connectivity, relationships to hydrologic sources, land use trends, contribution to conservation of species, ecological benefits, and compatibility with adjacent land uses. Reference applicable agency guidance or regulatory requirements as appropriate. □ Provide the completed scoring template for Step 1: Credit Type Threshold Determination for each proposed credit type (see Wildlife Connectivity Advance Mitigation Guidelines - Appendix B). ☐ A written justification for the Credit Type Threshold Determination based on the information listed in Wildlife Connectivity Advance Mitigation Guidelines- Section 4. If the sponsor believes a specific crediting consideration element is not applicable to the proposed wildlife connectivity action, the sponsor should provide justification for why it is inapplicable. If any items required as justification are provided in another section of the Draft Prospectus Checklist, please indicate where the required information is provided. There is no need to submit the same information twice.

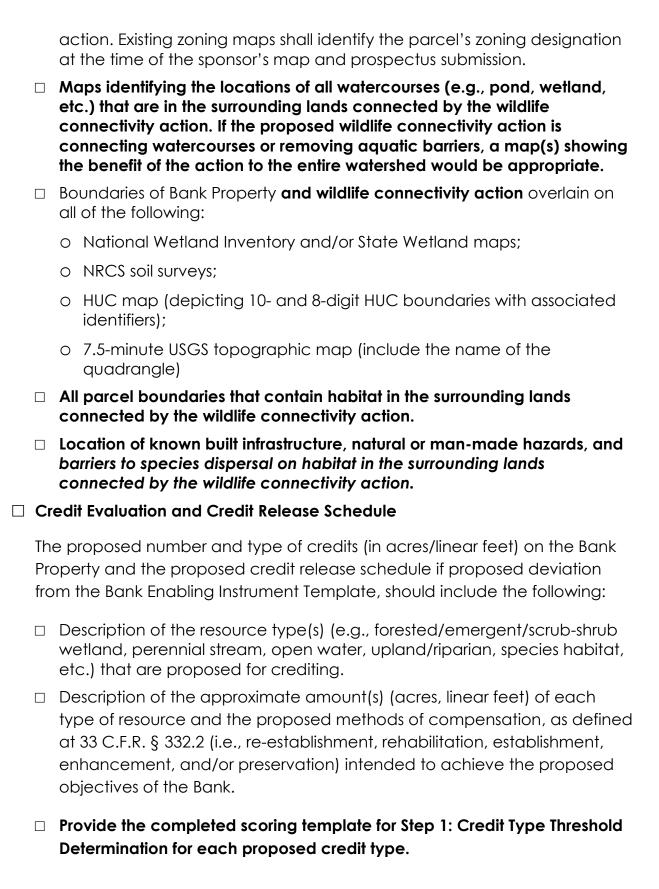
General Partnership (GP)

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□ Location Maps and Aerial Photos



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A written justification for the Credit Type Threshold Determination based on the information listed in Wildlife Connectivity Advance Mitigation Guidelines - Section 4. If the sponsor believes a specific crediting consideration element is not applicable to the proposed wildlife connectivity action, the sponsor should provide justification for why it is inapplicable. If any items required as justification are provided in another section of the Draft Prospectus Checklist, please indicate where the required information is provided. There is no need to submit the same information twice. ☐ Service Area □ Provide a map showing the Bank Property location and its position within the limits of the proposed Service Area(s) (e.g., a USGS 8-digit HUC, county boundaries, listed species recovery units, etc.). ☐ The Service Area map should have sufficient detail to be able to determine the boundaries, including counties, landmarks, roads, etc. on all sides of the proposed Service Area. □ Location of the Bank Property with the 8-, 10-, and 12-digit HUCs depicted (as appropriate) along with aquatic resource type, eco-region and any existing Service Area(s) for the same resource types that overlap the proposed Service Area. □ Provide a rationale of the general need for the credits in the proposed Service Area(s), and the basis for such a determination: ☐ For Mitigation Banks, provide a watershed-based rationale for determining the limits of the proposed Service Area consistent with current agency guidance. ☐ For Conservation Banks, provide an ecological rationale specific to the proposed species or habitat credits being sought for determining the limits

□ Baseline Site Conditions

available.

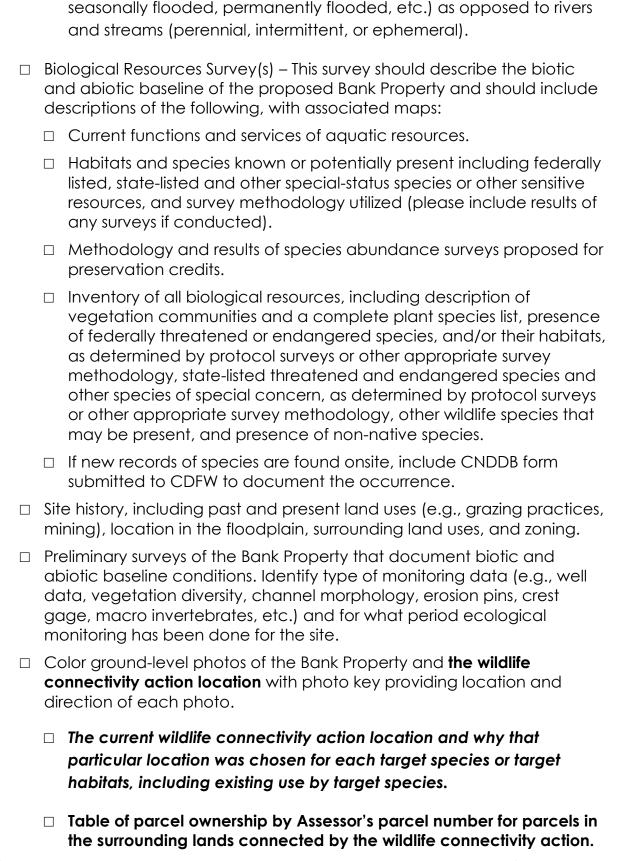
Summarize baseline site conditions and the ecological suitability (chemical, physical, and biological) of the site to support the proposed types of mitigation to be implemented on the Bank Property. Factors for consideration include, but are not limited to, land use and zoning, vegetation, hydrology, soils, development trends (i.e., anticipated land use changes), habitat status or functions (e.g., re-establishment of habitat corridors or habitat for species of

of the proposed Service Area, including recovery units described in the USFWS and/or NMFS Recovery Plan specific to the proposed credit type, if

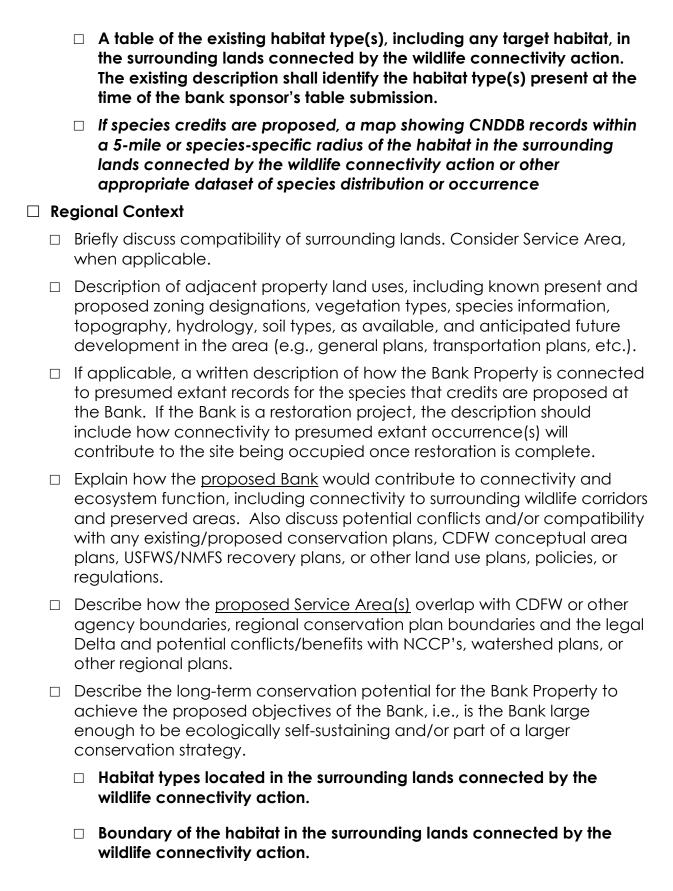
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), and water quality and floodplain management goals. Site conditions on to include:
G	eneral site conditions
wo trik ide	eographic location and features such as a description of the overall atershed where the proposed Bank Property is located (major outaries, existing development trends, watershed needs, etc.) and entify the stream order and type (Rosgen and/or Cowardin assification)
	escription and acreage of existing aquatic resources present on the oposed Bank Property.
str CC	table of the total habitat acreage and, if applicable, total acreage of atercourses by type (e.g., pond, wetland, etc.) and linear feet of eam in the surrounding lands that will be connected by the wildlife ennectivity action. Acreages shall be separated by existing and oposed protection mechanisms and city and county zoning.
De	escribe the hydrology of the Bank Property, including:
	Existing hydroperiod (if applicable), discuss current vegetation, topography, soils or hydrology baseline information to indicate current hydroperiod and measured stream flows. Vegetation type should be described using a recent, widely accepted classification system for a given region (e.g., Sawyer & Keeler-Wolf for California);
	For properties with proposed over bank flows, describe the proposed hydroperiod (seasonal depth, duration, and timing of inundation and/or saturation);
	Any existing hydrological disturbances on and adjacent to the site over which the Bank Sponsor has no control;
	Water source(s) and losses (e.g., precipitation, surface runoff, groundwater, stream, tidal)
	The contributing drainage area (map and size).
	Identify existing water rights and provide any relevant documentation. Hydrologic regime should be described differently for wetlands (for example, saturated (groundwater driven) wetlands,

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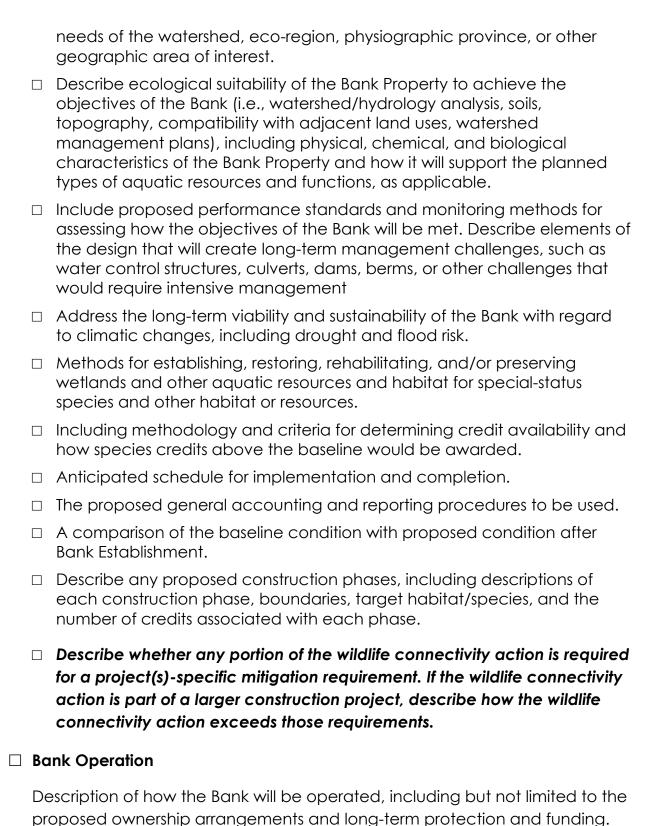


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	 Known quality of habitat in the surrounding lands connected by the wildlife connectivity action.
	 Degree to which the habitat in the surrounding lands connected by the wildlife connectivity action is currently utilized by the target species and other native species.
Co	enceptual Development Plan
Bri Ind de typ	s plan describes the objectives and development activities of the Bank. ef description of the scope of work proposed for the development plan. clude any proposed construction phasing. Provide a conceptual velopment plan that shows the proposed locations of each resource be(s) and the estimated acreage and/or linear footage for each method mitigation.
	Describe the objectives of the proposed Bank
	Include preliminary maps detailing the anticipated location and acreages of aquatic resources, covered species or covered credits. If restoration is proposed these maps should include historic aerial photographs and/or historic topographic maps, as available.
	Technical feasibility of the proposed Bank. Describe the feasibility of the proposed mitigation techniques required to develop the Bank. Banks should be designed to be self-sustaining over time with minimal maintenance. ⁴
	Assurance of sufficient water rights to support the long-term sustainability of the Bank.
	The Bank Sponsor must have sufficient control over hydrology inputs and outputs on the Bank site to ensure that hydrology is available. In addition, the Bank should not result in the interruption of downstream flows or the flooding of upstream properties.
	The plan should detail anticipated increases in functions and services of existing aquatic resources and their corresponding effect within the watershed (i.e., habitat diversity and connectivity, floodplain management, or other landscape scale functions). Describe the manner in which the resource functions of the Bank will address the functional

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⁴ See <u>USACE South Pacific Division, Regional Compensatory Mitigation and Monitoring Guidelines</u> (<u>PDF</u>), Section 4.4.



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		on	escribe the future long-term ownership and use of the Bank Property are the Bank is established and Bank development activities are impleted, if applicable, and the proposed Bank has met the erformance standards.
	•		entify the financial mechanisms for Bank establishment and the party sponsible for conducting routine site inspections and management tivities.
			pe(s) of financial assurance (e.g. construction security) to be secured the Bank Sponsor.
		Ar	y other restrictions on the proposed Bank Property.
	Re	al E	Estate Records
	Inc	cluc	de a Preliminary Title Report and Property Assessment and Warranty.
	easements and recent encumbrances (hyperlinked) on the proposed Bank Property. Also include a map depicting all relevant property line easements (plotted easement map), dedications, etc. on the propose Bank Property. Identify all known encumbrances including mortgages		nk Property. Also include a map depicting all relevant property lines, sements (plotted easement map), dedications, etc. on the proposed
			nineral rights are severed, a mineral remoteness opinion, prepared by censed geologist is required that includes the following information:
			Introduction - Report purpose, location maps, legal description.
			Preliminary Title Report – Explanation of all relevant recorded and unrecorded encumbrance
			Description of surface and mineral estate ownerships, including all changes in ownership over the fifteen preceding years and rights to access the surface by the owners of the mineral estate.
			Specific mineral resources included and excluded in the mineral estate.
			Review of locatable, useable and salable mineral resources on the Bank Property.
			Maps and aerial photographs of property with delineated mineral estates.

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⁵ Any liens and easements on the proposed Bank Property that may affect a Bank's viability will need to be resolved before a Bank can be approved.

L		locations.
		Discussion of environmental constraints which may constrain mining.
		Opinion as to the likelihood of surface mining, or other forms of mining, including a determination whether the "probability of surface mining is so remote as to be negligible".
		References cited.
		Preparer's qualifications. Preparer's expertise shall include the ability to competently assemble, review and interpret title reports and provide legal descriptions of the ownership. All discussion of minerals, geology and mining potential shall be prepared by a California-Licensed Professional Geologist with demonstrated experience with mining and mineral experience. The report shall bear a California-Licensed Professional Geologist stamp and signature.
Per	pe	tual Protection
An affirmative statement that the Bank Property will be conserved in perpetuity via a Conservation Easement or conveyance of fee title to the State of California by Grant Deed to occur as part of the Bank establishment. Include number of acres of the Bank Property excluding any easement areas that allow uses incompatible with conservation. Provide a written description and the total acreage that contains easements that cover each of the proposed species habitat(s) or other credit types. ⁶		
i	nfe	applicable, a document describing whether a conservation easement is easible over all or a portion of a wildlife connectivity action property, th any supporting documentation.
ı	00	he wildlife connectivity action occurs along built infrastructure (e.g., ads), provide a draft long-term durability agreement (see Wildlife onnectivity Advance Mitigation Guidelines - Section 5.1.1:).
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⁶Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 815 and Government Code Section 65967, only certain entities may be approved to hold an interest in mitigation lands.

any easement areas that allow uses incompatible with conservation. Provide a written description and the total acreage that contain CEs or long-term durability agreements that cover each of the proposed species', habitat(s) or other credit types.

La	nds Not Appropriate			
An affirmative statement that the proposed Bank meets the definition of "What Lands Are Appropriate for Banking?" (webpage). Has the proposed Bank Property been or is being used as:				
	CDFW owned or conserved lands.			
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☐ Phase I Environmental Site Assessment

each purpose, etc.).

Provide a current (not dated more than 6 months prior to the submittal date) Phase I Environmental Site Assessment.

□ Permits

A list of federal, state, and local permits/authorizations/approvals required for construction and operation of the Bank.

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Draft Bank Enabling Instrument Checklist for Conservation and Mitigation Banks in California

[Revised January 2021]

Please refer to the "Interagency Guidance for Preparing Mitigation Bank Proposals in California", revised March 2021, for information and instructions related to the submission requirements for a conservation and mitigation bank proposal.

The following are the submission requirements for a Draft Bank Enabling Instrument (BEI). The BEI package should include documents/information provided from the Prospectus Checklist. Provide the following information and a copy of this checklist with the submittal of a Draft BEI. Any proposed modifications to the BEI template shall be identified using tracked changes and explained in a memorandum.

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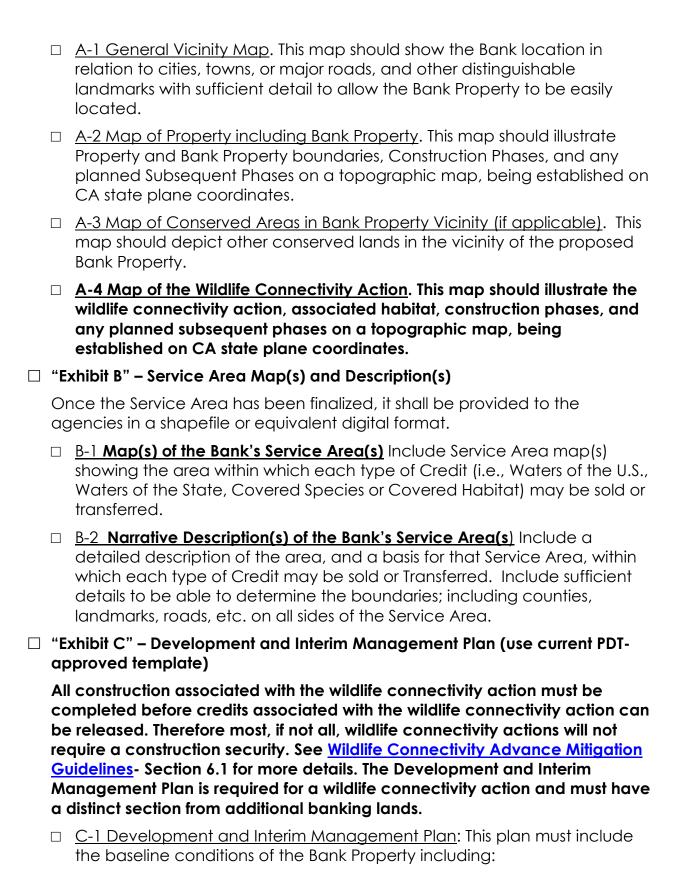
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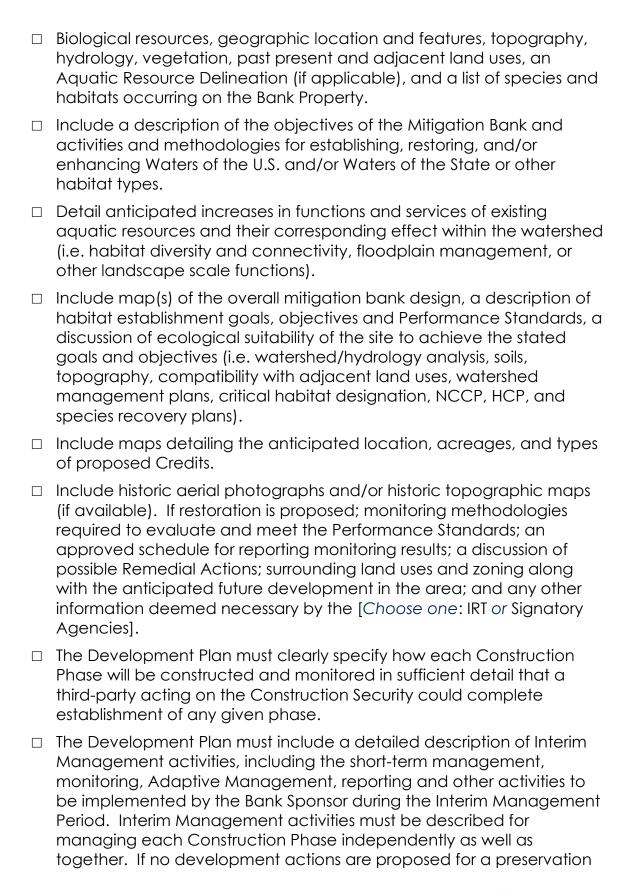
CHECKLIST

Bank Enabling Instrument (BEI)
The most current PDT-approved template must be used and any proposed modifications must be documented using tracked changes. All major changes from the template must be justified in writing.
"Exhibit A" – Bank Location Maps (shapefile or equivalent digital format)

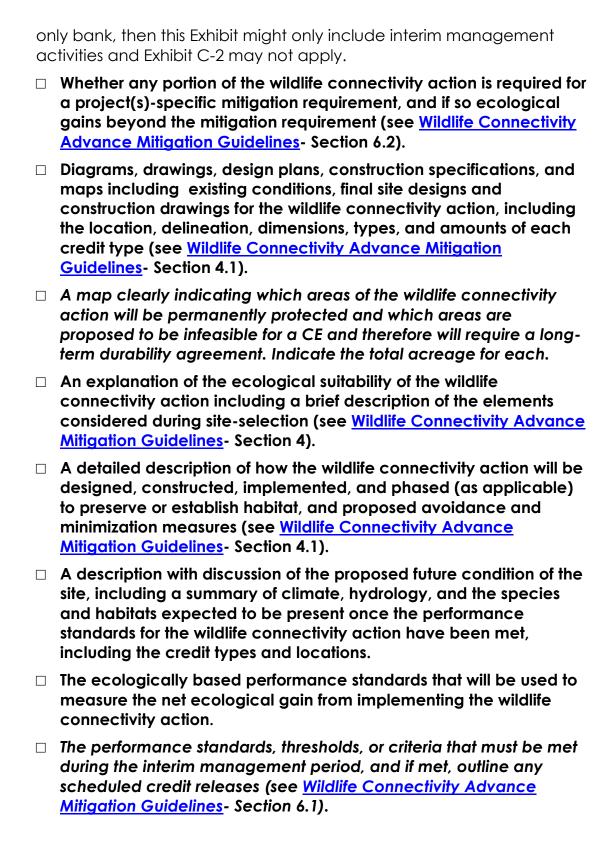
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□ C-2 Construction Security Analysis and Schedule

Provide a copy of the third-party estimate or contract that is being relied upon to determine the proposed amount of the Construction Security Construction Phase. Include a specific Construction Security Analysis and Schedule for each Construction Phase.

☐ C-3 Performance Security Analysis and Schedule

Specify the amount of the Performance Security based upon the amount of Construction Security in **Exhibit C-2**. Include a specific Performance Security Analysis and Schedule for each Construction Phase.

□ <u>C-4 Interim Management Security Analysis and Schedule</u>

This analysis and schedule shall consist of a table and/or spreadsheet that identifies all tasks (management, monitoring, reporting); task descriptions; labor (hours); cost per unit; total cost, frequency, timing or scheduling of the tasks; the total annual funding necessary for each task; and any associated assumptions for each task required for Interim Management. The total annual expenses should include administration and contingency costs. This analysis must be included for each Construction Phase.

Cost estimates should be based on tasks implemented by a third-party in present day dollars or equipment prices in present day dollars.

☐ "Exhibit D" – Bank Management and Operation Documents

□ D-1 Endowment Fund Analysis, Cost Justifications and Funding Schedule

This analysis and schedule shall consist of a table and/or spreadsheet that shows the projected annual capitalization rate, all of the tasks (management, monitoring, reporting); task descriptions; labor (hours); cost per unit; cost, frequency, timing or scheduling of the tasks; the total annual funding necessary for each task; and any associated assumptions for each task required by the Long-term Management Plan. The total annual expenses should also include administration and contingency expenses. The Endowment Fund Analysis and Schedule is developed assuming that each Construction Phase is constructed and managed by itself without the economies of scale or other cost reductions that may occur if all Construction Phases are implemented.

Cost estimates should be based on tasks implemented by a third-party in present day dollars or equipment prices in present day dollars.

This Endowment Fund Analysis and Schedule in this Exhibit D-1 is specific to funding long-term management of the Bank Property by the Property Owner. The endowment funding required by the Grantee to hold and

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monitor the Conservation Easement must be addressed by the Bank Sponsor in a separate and distinct Endowment Agreement to be included as part of Exhibit E. Such separate Endowment Agreement is not considered part of Exhibit D-1.

- □ <u>D-2 Agreements, Instructions and Forms for Submission or Disbursement of Endowment Funds</u>, as applicable:
 - a. Endowment Agreement
 - b. Deposit Document
 - c. Deposit Procedures
 - d. Annual Funding Report Templates
- □ D-3 Long-Term Management Plan

The Long-term Management Plan identifies the perpetual management, monitoring, and reporting activities to be conducted after the Interim Management Period. The most current PDT-approved template must be used and any proposed modifications must be documented using tracked changes. All major changes from the template must be justified in writing.

- 1. Purpose of Bank establishment and purpose of Long-term Management Plan;
- 2. A description of the setting, location, history and types of land use activities, geology, soils, climate, hydrology, habitats present (once Bank meets Performance Standards) and species descriptions;
- 3. Overall management, maintenance and monitoring goals, objectives and specific tasks; timing of implementation; and a discussion of any constraints which may affect goals;
- The Endowment Fund Analysis and Schedule (Exhibit D-1);
- Discussion of Adaptive Management actions for reasonably foreseeable events and thresholds for evaluating and implementing Adaptive Management (e.g., response to impacts caused by unauthorized access to the site or wildfire);
- 6. Monitoring and Reporting requirements and schedule;
- 7. Rights of access to the Bank Property and prohibited uses of the Bank Property as provided in the [Choose: Conservation Easement or Grant Deed or Long-term Durability Agreement]; and

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9. Include a reference to the Historic Properties Treatment Plan (Exhibit J-3), if applicable. □ Frequent monitoring and maintenance of fencing associated with the wildlife connectivity action. □ Monitoring of wildlife connectivity action structure(s) and any associated structures (e.g., wildlife jump outs, created habitat structures, fencing, etc.) to ensure functionality of the wildlife connectivity action. ☐ Monitoring the wildlife passage, wildlife use, and any associated vegetation to ensure functionality of the wildlife connectivity action. □ Stockpiling and budgeting for spare wildlife connectivity action structure materials (e.g., fencing) to facilitate repairs. ☐ Monitoring for any use by humans to ensure wildlife connectivity actions are used solely by wildlife. □ Adaptive management for the wildlife connectivity action and structures. □ Additional annual reporting needs (e.g., wildlife strike data and mortality monitoring) regarding the wildlife connectivity action. Overall management, maintenance and monitoring goals, frequency and timing of specific tasks. Adaptive management strategies and remedial actions to mitigate for potential issues and any unmet performance standards (see Wildlife Connectivity Advance Mitigation Guidelines-Section 6). □ "Exhibit E" - Real Estate Records and Assurances ☐ E-1 Property Assessment and Warranty □ Property Assessment and Warranty prepared in accordance with the approved template. ☐ Preliminary Title Report (current) for the Bank Property ☐ Fncumbrance Documents □ Summary and Explanation of Encumbrances ☐ Maps listed in Property Assessment and Warranty template □ Draft Subordination Agreement ☐ E-2 Real Estate Instrument The form of the Conservation Easement using the approved template, including all exhibits to the Conservation Easement [or, if fee title to the State, substitute: The form of the Grant Deed, including all exhibits to the

8. Procedures for amendments and notices.

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Grant Deed]. Any proposed modifications to the Conservation Easement template must be documented using tracked changes. All major changes from the template must be justified in writing.

The Long-term Durability Agreement, if applicable.

	<u>E-3</u>	3 Mineral Remoteness Report
		nineral rights are severed, a mineral remoteness opinion, prepared by a ensed geologist is required that includes the following information:
		Introduction - Report purpose, location maps, legal description.
		Preliminary Title Report – Explanation of all relevant recorded and unrecorded encumbrance
		Description of surface and mineral estate ownerships, including all changes in ownership over the fifteen preceding years and rights to access the surface by the owners of the mineral estate.
		Specific mineral resources included and excluded in the mineral estate.
		Review of locatable, useable and salable mineral resources on the Bank Property.
		Maps and aerial photographs of property with delineated mineral estates.
		Assessment of mineral resource potential, including a map showing locations.
		Discussion of environmental constraints which may constrain mining.
		Opinion as to the likelihood of surface mining, or other forms of mining, including a determination whether the "probability of surface mining is so remote as to be negligible".
		References cited.
		Preparer's qualifications. Preparer's expertise shall include the ability to competently assemble, review and interpret title reports and provide legal descriptions of the ownership. All discussion of minerals, geology and mining potential shall be prepared by a California-Licensed Professional Geologist with demonstrated experience with mining and mineral experience. The report shall bear a California-Licensed Professional Geologist stamp and signature.
□ "E	xhil	oit F" – Bank Crediting and Credit Transfers
	<u>F-1</u>	Credit Evaluation and Credit Table

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A "Credit Evaluation" is an explanation of the evaluation undertaken to formulate the value of each type of Credit and the total number of each type of Credit. The "Credit Table" should show the number and type of Credits Released as mitigation or compensation for agency-approved projects and other impacts in the Service Area(s). The table should distinguish between the following categories of Credits: Waters of the U.S.; Regional Compensatory Mitigation and Monitoring Guidelines; Covered Species and Covered Habitat Preservation; Covered Species and Covered Habitat Establishment. The table should label all wildlife connectivity action credits with "WCA".

CO	nnectivity action creaits with "WCA".
<u>F-2</u>	2 Credit Sales and Transfer Agreements and Payment Receipt Templates
	F-2a: Credit Sales Agreement
	F-2b: Caltrans Standard (STD) 213/Credit Sales Agreement
	F-2c: Combined Credit Sales and Transfer Agreement
	F-2d: Caltrans Combined Credit Sales and Transfer Agreement
	F-2e: Credit Transfer Agreement
	F-2f: Caltrans STD 213/Credit Transfer Agreement
<u>F-3</u>	3 Credit Transfer Ledger Template
Cr	edit Transfer Ledger shall include, at a minimum:
a.	Bank name;
b.	Total number of each type of Bank Credit;
c.	Credit purchaser name, address and phone number;
d.	Project name;
e.	Project applicant name, address, and phone number;
f.	Agency project file numbers;
g.	Date of Credit Transfer;
h.	Type(s) of Credit(s) sold and/or Transferred;
i.	Number of Credits sold and/or Transferred;
j.	Number of Credits applied; and Transferred;
k.	Balance of each type of Credit remaining, and;
l.	A declaration that the Bank Sponsor has entered the Transfer into RIBITS.

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☐ F-4 Instructions for Species Credit Transfers Using RIBITS [if applicable]

 F-5 Credit Release Schedule and Funding Schedule for Covered Species and Covered Habitats
 Proposed credit release schedule for the wildlife connectivity action (see <u>Wildlife Connectivity Advance Mitigation Guidelines</u>- Section 6.1) including the estimated acreage, location, and number and types of credits sought.
□ <u>F-6 Implementation Fee Schedule (if applicable)</u>
"Exhibit G" – Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (not dated more than 6 months prior to the date the bank agreement package is submitted to the agencies).
"Exhibit H" – Biological Resources Survey
Biological Resources Survey(ies) of the Bank Property shall be recent (less than 5 years old) and describe the biotic and abiotic baseline of the Bank Property and should include descriptions of the following with maps: a) the Bank Property's geographic location and features, including topography, hydrology, soils, and vegetation; b) current functions and services of aquatic resources; c) inventory of all biological resources, including: description of vegetation communities and a complete plant species list, presence of Federally-threatened or endangered species, and/or their habitats, as determined by protocol surveys or other appropriate survey methodology, state-listed threatened and endangered species and other species of special concern, other wildlife species that may be present, and presence of non-native species on the Bank Property; and d) past and present land uses, including grazing practices.
"Exhibit I" – Aquatic Resource Delineation (if applicable)
Bank Sponsor shall provide a copy of the aquatic resource delineation and any jurisdictional determination issued by USACE and/or Regional Water Board for the Bank Property.
"Exhibit J" – Cultural, Historical, Archeological, and Native American Resources ("Cultural Resources")
For banks that do not propose species/habitat credits under the authority of CDFW this information must be provided under a separate cover. This exhibit will then be referenced as a placeholder.
Cultural Resources requirements met for all Construction Phases. Information regarding the character, location, and ownership of historic properties shall not be included within this exhibit or uploaded to RIBITS, pursuant to Section 304 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and 36 CFR 800.11c.
□ J-1 Identification, Inventory and Evaluation

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Cultural resources inventory and evaluation shall include the following: a) a description and map of the area of potential effects ("APE") or permit area if USACE-only Bank; b) a description of each cultural resource and a brief statement identifying the specific location of each cultural resource within the APE/permit area; c) a description of how the boundary was determined for each cultural resource identified; and d) a determination of eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places (National Register), as determined by the lead Federal agency in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), and e) where appropriate, eligibility recommendation for listing on the California Register of Historical Resources. Cultural resources that are recommended eligible for listing in the National Register are called "historic properties" under the Federal regulations and "historical resources" under the California regulations.

□ <u>J-2 Compliance Documentation [if applicable]</u>

If the lead Federal Agency has made a previous determination that the proposed Bank would have no potential to cause effects or would result in no adverse effect to cultural resources, the Bank Sponsor shall include the previous determination under a separate cover. However, if it is determined that the undertaking will have an adverse effect on a historic property, the lead Federal Agency will need to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (Section 106 agreement) with SHPO, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation if they have entered the consultation, as documentation of compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. If the undertaking may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource then, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, § 15064.5(b), preparation of an environmental impact report is required.

☐ J-3 Historic Properties Treatment Plan [if applicable]

A historic property treatment plan (HPTP), approved by the lead Federal Agency and the SHPO, shall be prepared prior to any ground-disturbing activities conducted on the Bank Property. The HPTP will be included in the Section 106 agreement as an appendix. Ground disturbing activities must be conducted in accordance with the stipulations of the Section 106 agreement (**Exhibit J-2**). The plan shall include both short and long-term management of the historic properties. In addition, each applicable Federal Agency will make compliance with the Section 106 Agreement a condition of any Federal authorization or approval.

☐ "Exhibit K" - Other Documentation, Permits, Permit Amendments or Revisions

To the extent not already obtained, the Bank Sponsor or Property Owner will be responsible for obtaining all appropriate environmental documentation,

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permits, permit amendments, or other authorizations needed to establish and maintain the Bank, including but not limited to the list below. Enclose the required documentation for all Construction Phases.

Include only those that apply and add others as necessary:

- a. Department of the Army Permits/approvals (e.g. Clean Water Act permit and/or 408 Permission);
- Environmental documents, findings and notices prepared or filed by Lead Agency to comply with CEQA and NEPA;
- c. Water Quality Certification or Waiver under § 401 of the Clean Water Act;
- d. General or Individual Waste Discharge Requirements Under the Porter–Cologne Water Quality Control Act, Water Code § 13000 et seq.;
- e. Streambed Alteration Agreement (Fish and Game Code § 1600 et seq.);
- f. Federal Endangered Species Act compliance (16 U.S.C. § 1535 et seq.)
 (ESA) (§ 7 or § 10);
- g. California Endangered Species Act compliance (Fish and Game Code § 2050 et sea.);
- h. Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act compliance (16 U.S.C. § 1801, et seq.);
- i. Flood Protection Board Permit for streams listed in Table 8.1 in title 23 of the California Code of Regulations; and,
- j. County/City Grading Permit(s) or other local approvals

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