



State Wildlife Action Plan 2015 Update

Public Scoping Meeting

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Agenda

- 1:00 Welcome
- 1:15 Project Overview
- 1:45 Project Update
- 2:30 Break
- 2:45 Small Group Discussion
- 3:15 Next Steps
- 3:30 Open Discussion
- 4:00 Adjourn



Ground Rules

- All questions are good questions
- All ideas and points of view have value
- Use common conversational courtesy
 - One speaker at a time
 - Avoid interrupting
- Avoid editorials
- Be comfortable
- Turn off cell phones





Purpose of meeting:

- Inform the public of SWAP Update 2015
- Ensure broad public participation
- Invite input on key questions and draft strategies

Why are We Doing This?

- Required by US Fish and Wildlife Service in order to receive federal wildlife funds
- Will inform future strategic planning efforts
- Establishes priorities for conservation

What Are We Doing?

Writing a Plan that will:

- Create a vision for fish and wildlife conservation
- Provide an accounting of conservation accomplishments since 2005
- Update species at risk and species of greatest conservation need lists (SGCN)
- Recommend conservation actions that are implementable, measurable, and time bound



What are Conservation Targets?



- Habitat or ecosystem
- Species Assemblage

What are Stresses and Threats?



Drought, fire, blizzard,
hurricane, extreme
events



Inappropriate or
incompatible activities,
pollution, conversion,
fragmentation

How Will it Impact Me?

- Enhances the public's opportunity to enjoy various habitats and the species that live in those habitats.
- Creates partnerships with public and private landowners to collaboratively develop BMPs that benefit wildlife.



Approach

- Development of Conservation Strategies
- Purpose:

Identify and implement conservation actions that eventually improve the condition of the ecosystem, by acting on specific threats and stresses that will benefit the most number of SGCN's within an ecoregion, watershed, or marine study region.



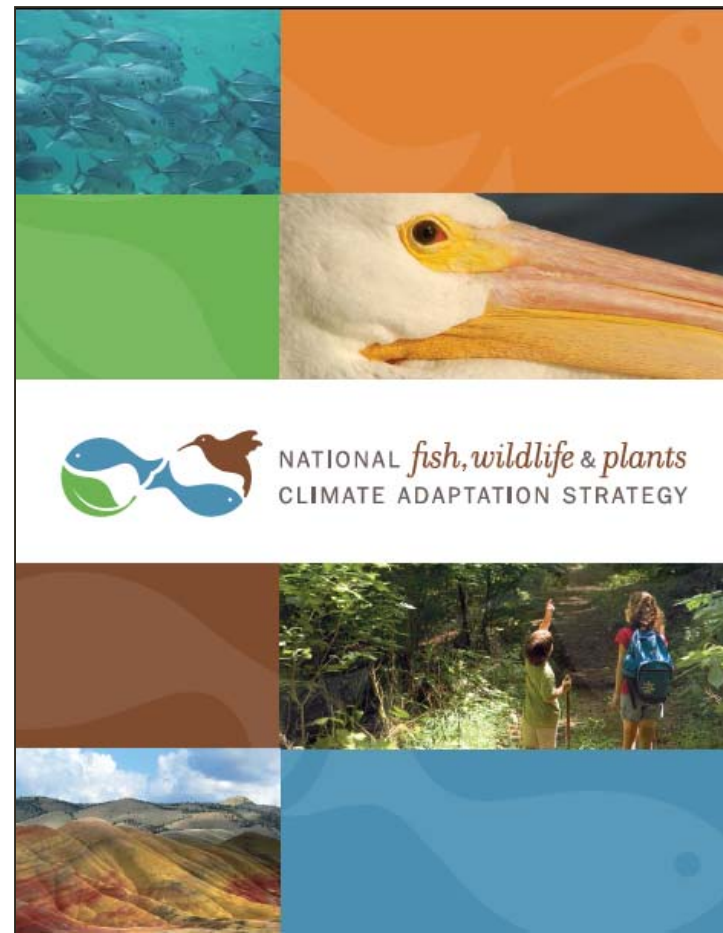
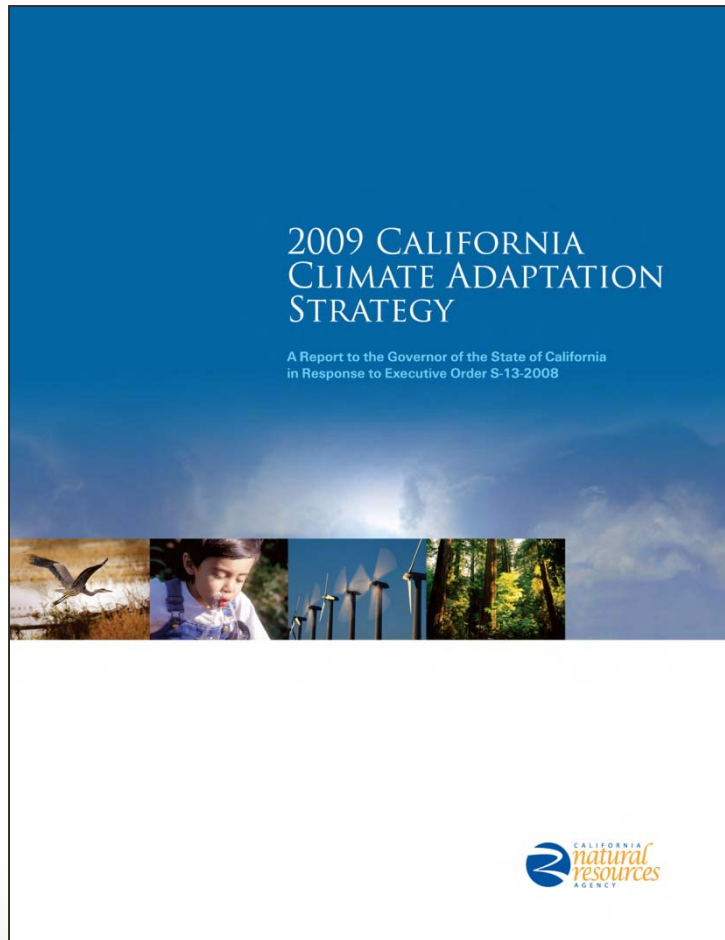
How will We Develop the Plan?

Using Conservation Units



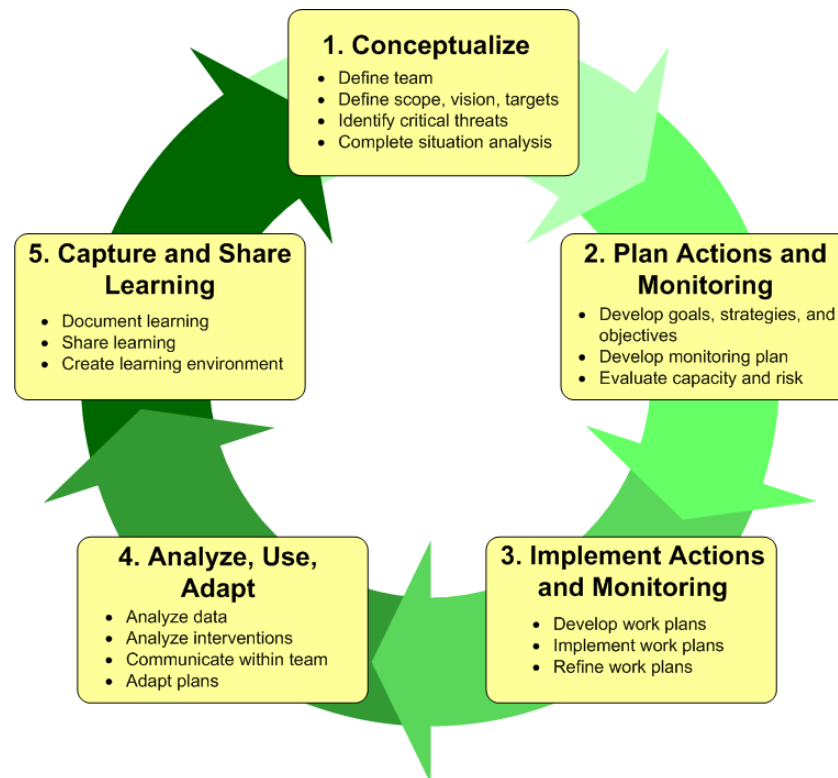
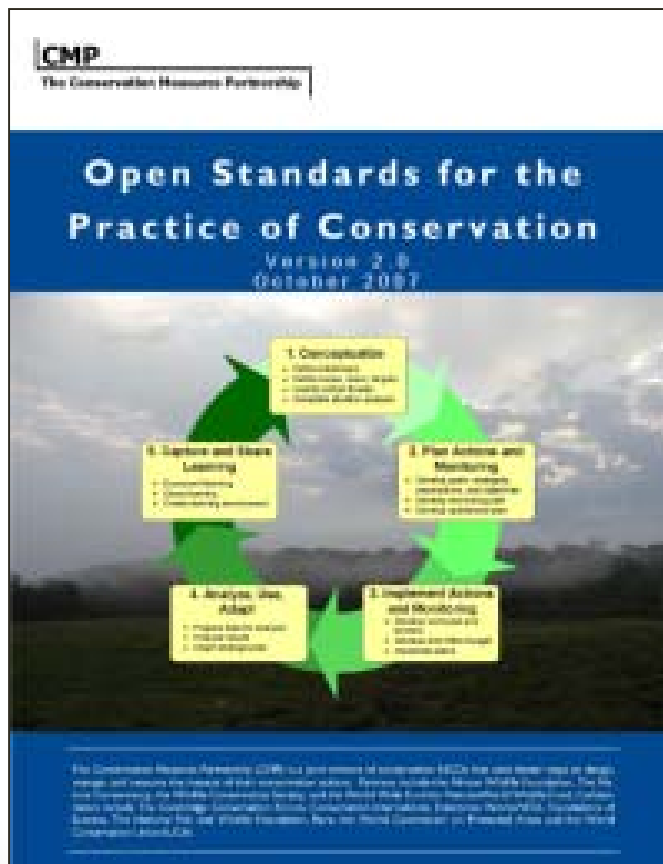
How will We Develop the Plan?

Integrating Climate Change



How will We Develop the Plan?

Using a planning framework that is transparent



How will We Develop the Plan?

Coordinating Actions with Other Agency's Plans

- State Water Plan (DWR)
- Forest and Rangeland Assessment (CalFire)
- California Transportation Plan (Caltrans)
- Forest Plans (USFS) using new Forest Planning Rule
- Ecoregional Assessments (BLM)
- Strategic Habitat Conservation (FWS)



How will We Develop the Plan?

Developing Statewide Strategies

- Anadromous fish
- Climate Change
- Invasive species
- Invertebrates
- Law enforcement
- Plants
- Pollution
- Pests and nuisance species



How will We Develop the Plan?

Web Based

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State Wildlife Action Plan: A plan for conserving California's wildlife resources while responding to environmental challenges

Overview

California's distinctive topography and climate have given rise to a remarkable diversity of habitats that support a multitude of plant and animal species. In fact, California has more species than any other state in the U.S. and also has the greatest number of species that occur nowhere else in the world. Many of the places where wildlife thrive are the same as those valued for recreation and other human activities. To ensure a sustainable future for wildlife – and the enjoyment of wildlife by generations to come – there is a need for a collaborative approach to conservation.

State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP)

The State Wildlife Action Plan examines the health of wildlife and prescribes actions to conserve wildlife and vital habitat before they become more rare and more costly to protect. The plan also promotes wildlife conservation while furthering responsible development and addressing the needs of a growing human population.

» [2005 California Wildlife Action Plan](#)

ANNOUNCEMENT: SCOPING MEETINGS (PDF)

2015 Update Process

As required every 10 years by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, CDFW is in the process of updating the 2005 plan. The update process will allow CDFW to integrate new information and leverage more funding. The objectives for the update include:

- » Create a vision for fish and wildlife conservation in California,
- » Provide an accounting of accomplishments,
- » Stratify analysis of impacts and stressors by ecoregions,
- » Incorporate climate change impacts and adaptation strategies,
- » Update species at risk, vulnerable species and species of greatest conservation need, and
- » Recommend conservation actions consistent with planning documents developed by other agencies.

SWAP

California State Wildlife Action Plan

Timeline

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Benefits

- Creates strategies to preserve California's diverse habitats that support a multitude of plant and animal species – before they become rare and more costly to protect.
- Ensures a sustainable future for wildlife – and the enjoyment of wildlife by generations to come.

Companion Plans

- Agriculture
- Consumptive & Recreational Uses
- Energy Development
- Forests & Rangelands
- Land Use Planning
- Marine Environment
- Transportation Planning
- Tribal Lands
- Water Management



Project Schedule/Next Steps

Task Name	2012				2013				2014				2015				2016	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Data Development																		
Ecoregional Team Formation																		
Develop Target Criteria																		
Identify Threats and Stressors																		
Conduct Ecoregional Workshops																		
Data-Base Compilation and Reporting																		
Statewide Strategies																		
Conservation Strategies																		
Public Scoping I																		
Plan Development																		
First Draft Document																		
Final Draft Document																		
Final Document																		
Public Review I																		
Public Review II																		
Companion Plans																		
Public Outreach																		

How Can I participate?

- Attend Public Scoping Meetings
- Submit written comments
- Attend public review meetings for draft plan (Summer, 2014)
- Attend public review meetings for final draft (Summer, 2015)
- Visit the SWAP Webpage
- Subscribe to Monthly Newsletter
- Participate in the development of a Companion Plan



How to Submit Comments

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