



# State Wildlife Action Plan 2015 Update

## **Project Status and Update**

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# Meeting Topics

- Preliminary results from regional workshops
- Statewide strategies and companion plans
- Scoping meeting recap

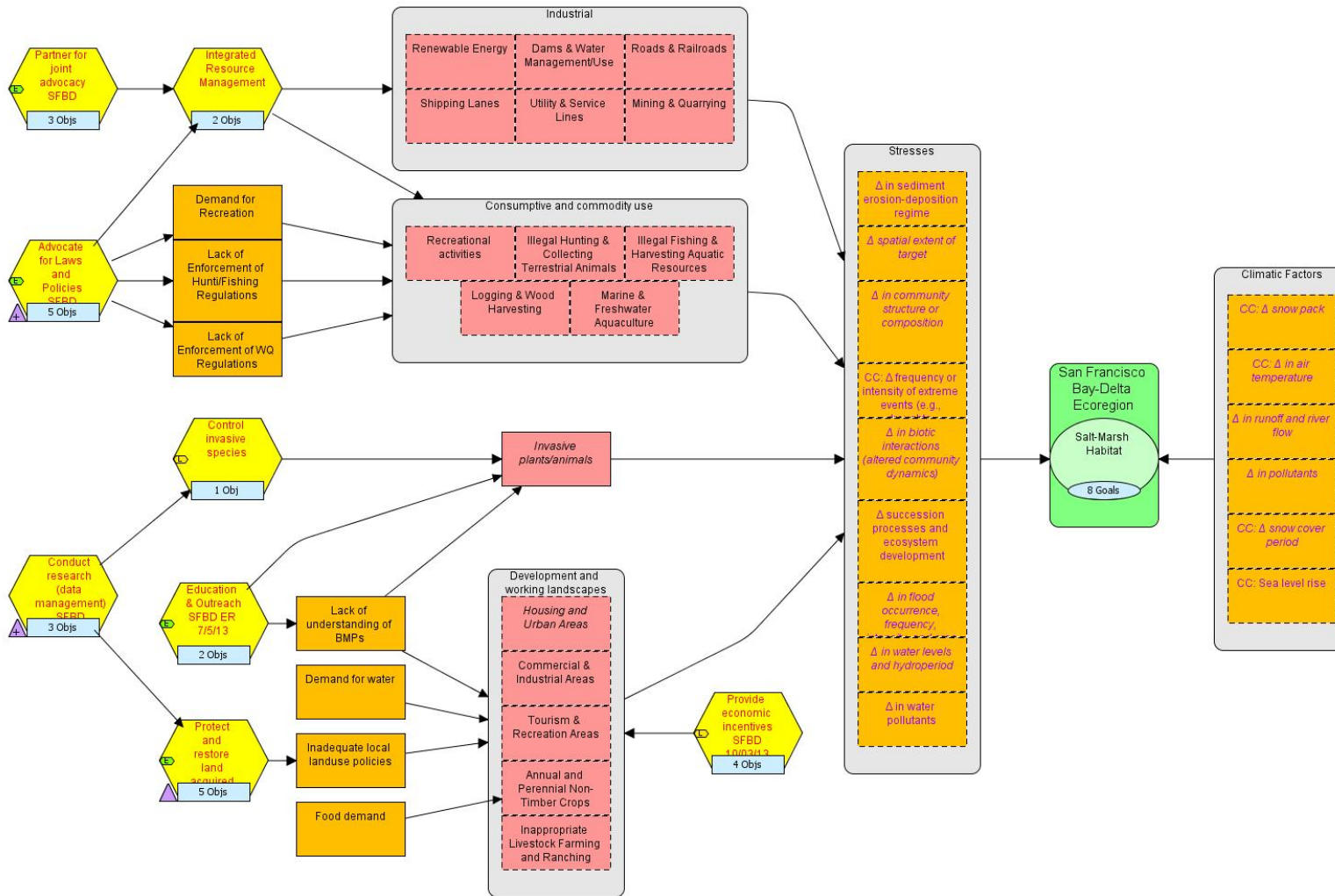


# Workshop Summaries

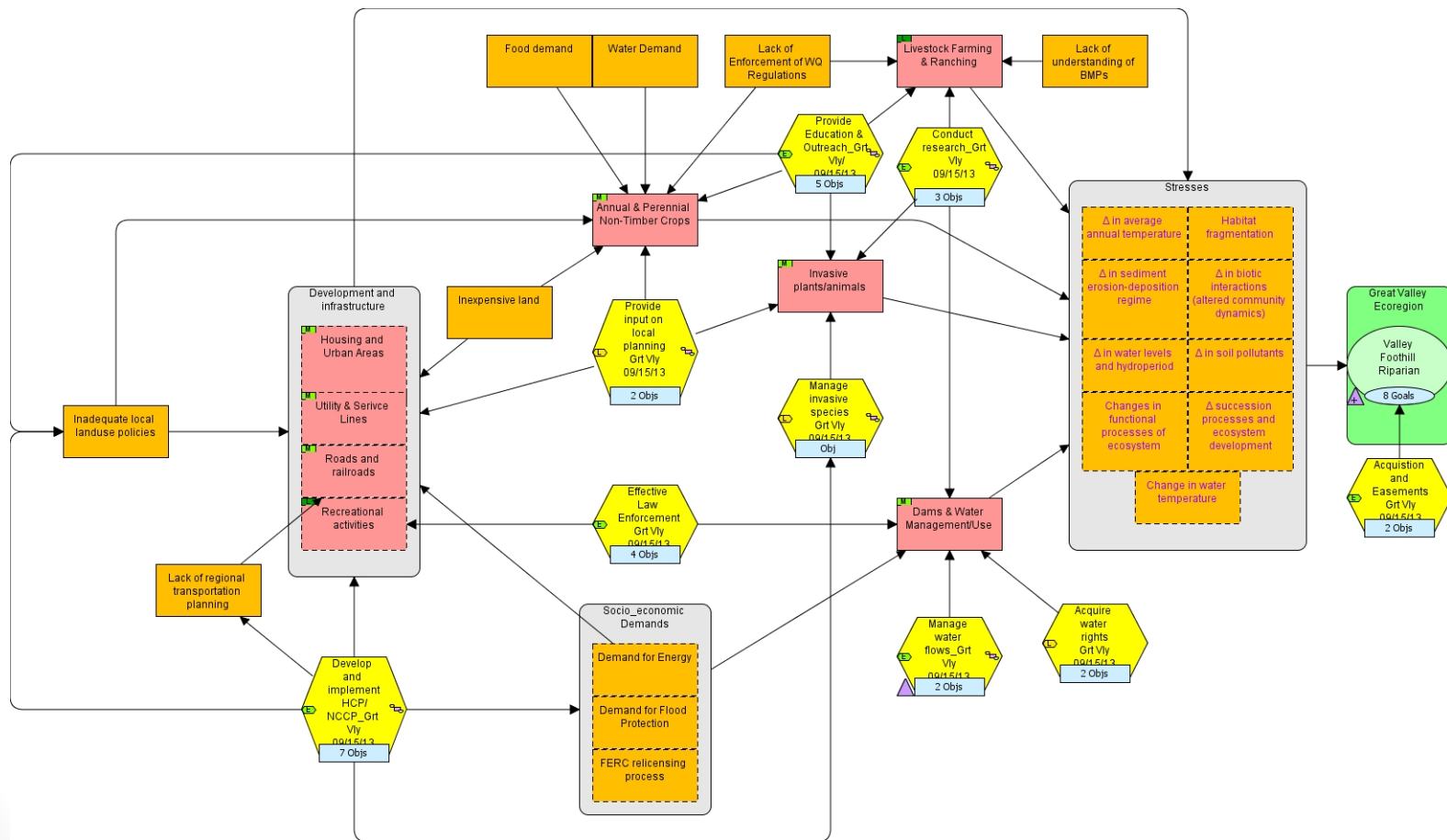
- >120 staff
- 13 agencies/organizations
- 40 Conservation Units
- 64 Conservation projects
- >250 Strategies
- Goals
- Objectives
- Actions
- Monitoring



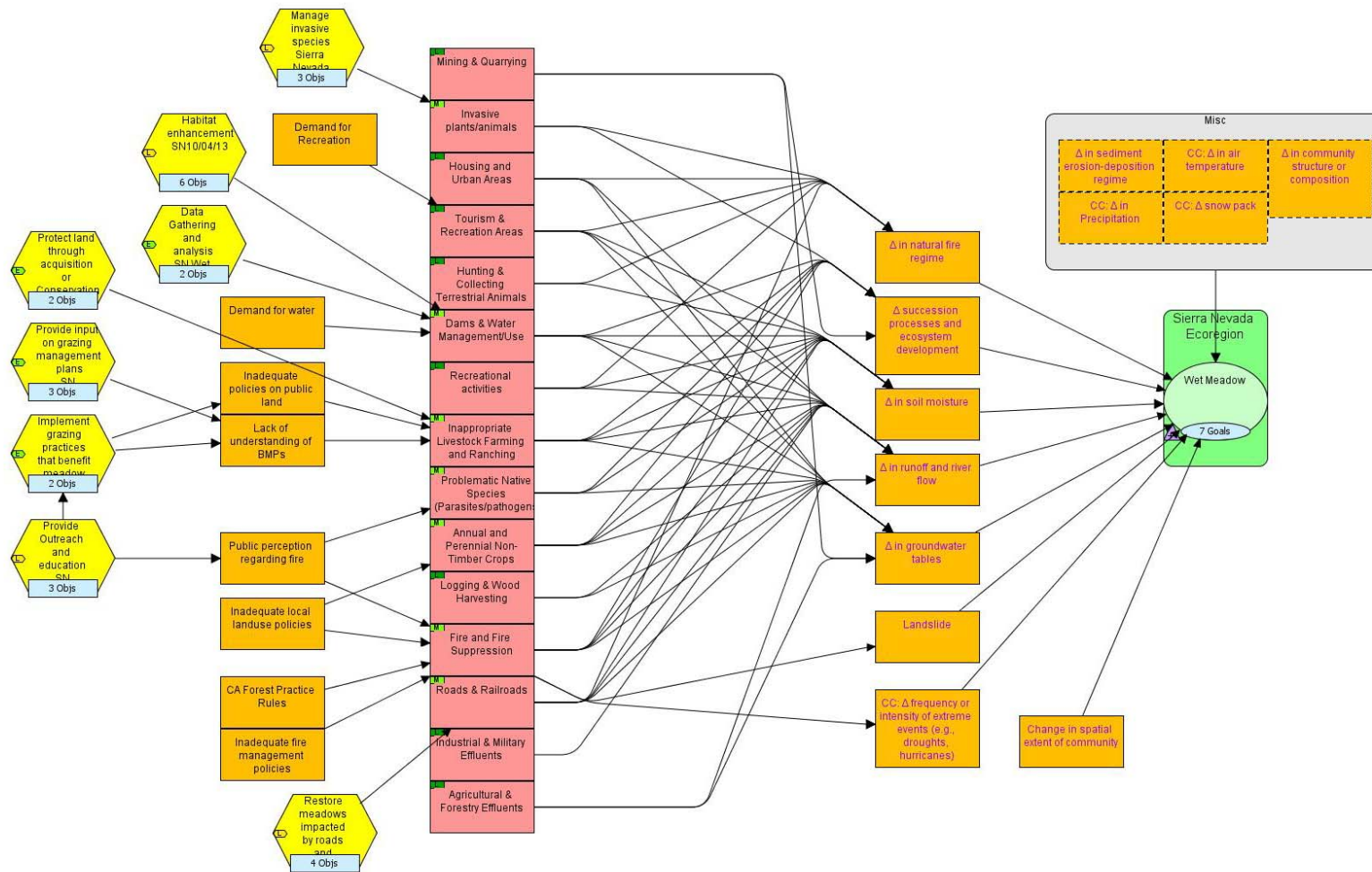
# San Francisco Bay-Delta



# Great Valley



# Sierra Nevada



# Statewide Strategies

Anadromous fish

Climate Change

Invasive species

Invertebrates

Law enforcement

Marine Environment

Plants

Pollution

Pests and Nuisance Species



# Companion Plans

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



# Scoping Meetings



# Comment Categories

- Coordination
- Species
- Process
- Partnership
- Funding
- Scientific Integrity
- Suggestions
- Climate Change
- Education and Outreach
- Recreation
- Agenda 21

# Coordination

- Other plans (flood, marine resources, SD Management and Monitoring Strategic Plan) (LA, SD)
- NCCPs/HCPs (LA, SD, O)
- Other agencies that impact habitats (Water Boards, Calfire), Air Resources Board, Caltrans (LA, PS, O, LT, R)
- Law enforcement – marijuana cultivation (F, E)
- Were HCPs used to help identify threats and stresses? (O)
- Is a SWAP strategy the same as a USFS strategy? (LT)
- How will SWAP affect Tribal lands? (R)
- How is SWAP coordinating with large timberland owners that have conservation plans? (R)
- Who has jurisdiction over water? What's being done about illegal diversions? (R, E)

# Species

- How will already listed species be addressed with a narrowed SGCN list (LA, SD), what about Red-sided garter-snake
- Are we focused on native or introduced species? (LA, F, O)
  - How long does it take for an introduced species to be considered native (LA)
  - Who decides what's more important between a wild horse and a salamander? (PS)
- Are SGCNs prioritized? (SD, LT), Are all SGCNs endemic? (PS)
- Are we working on reintroducing species (PS)
- Are species that naturally migrate considered invasive? (F)
- Is there a different focus for sub-species? (SLO)
- How are you preparing for wolves coming back to CA? (O)

# Process

- How are threats and stresses quantified? (SD)
- Is there an annual vetting of the plan? (SD)
- Is there a deadline for public comments (SD)
- Are there other regional targets being developed? (PS)
- Where does the plan address disease? (PS, R)
- Why is farming, grazing and logging considered a threat? (F, SLO, R)
- How do you know if habitats are improving? (F, LT, E)
- Wouldn't it be better to focus on the positive aspects of the habitat rather than threats and stresses? Need more positive language (F, R)
- Are inappropriate grazing practices on public land being considered?(O, R)
- Will you consider invasive weeds? (O)
- How is the plan addressing Monterey shale? (O)

# Partnerships

- Will CDFW manage private lands that have target habitat? (PS, SLO)
- Wouldn't it be better to work with private landowners than making new regulations? (F)
- How can we get more information/data from private landowners? (SLO)
- How can private landowners help removing fish barriers without violating CDFW laws? (O)
- Will the plan help coordinate fishing groups to help with restoration? (O)
- Why did you change your name-will it affect hunting? (R)
- Are you requiring local governments to adopt SWAP? (R, E)

# Funding

- Source of funding? (LA)
- Will hunting and fishing funds be affected? (LA, R)
- What is the funding match requirements (SD)
- Is there funding for conservation easements? (F)
- Why don't we have funding like Colorado (1% sales tax)? (F)
- Are funds from WCB involved in SWAP? (E)



# Scientific Integrity

- Will there be peer review ?(LA)
- How will Citizen science (LA), Volunteers (LA) be involved?
- Who will do the data collection? (PS)
- Will SWAP create a clearinghouse data-base? (LT)

# Suggestions

- Are we aware of local restoration projects? (LA)
- Should try to maintain minimum flows of freshwater (SD, R)
- 800k ac-ft of water used for one fish in Delta-how can farmers get some of that water? (F)
- Non-grazed or under-grazed should be considered a threat (SLO)
- Why is it so difficult to do restoration on private lands? (S, SLO)
- Consider mosquito abatement for companion plan (S, O, R)
- It seems water skiing wakes are destroying all the habitat along the banks of the Delta. (O)
- Consider using more prescribed burns (LT, R)

# Climate change

- When is climate changes considered natural phenomena? (LA)
- What is a hydroperiod? (O)
- We are losing the snowpack. Shouldn't we build more dams? (O)
- How much are we considering the loss of snowpack and more precipitation as rain? (LT)
- Why is money being spent to save species that will eventually go extinct due to climate change? (S)

# Education and outreach

- Route 66 goldminers (LA)
- Are conservation easements meant to close an area for human use? (PS)
- If E&O is so important, why doesn't the CDFW fund it? (F)
- Lack of public support for some of USFS recommendations has stalled their implementation. How will SWAP deal with gaining public support? (LT)
- Programs in the past that have involved the types of programs such as finding willing partners in the private sector and developing successful conservation programs to see if they were successful and quantify them? (E)

# Recreation

- Where will hunting and fishing be addressed? (SD)
- What are the recommendations related to OHVs? (SD)
- Wont fishing opportunity will be lost by removing non-native fish (PS, LT)
- Are the conservation efforts designed to eliminate all people and end all fishing? (O)
- Why isn't striped-bass included as a SGCN?
- Are non-consumptive recreation activities considered in plan? (LT)
- Why not change the fishing regulations for non-native fish to allow anglers to take more? (R)

# Agenda 21

- Were the Standards for the Practice of Conservation developed by the UN? (F)
- How will large swaths of land shown on the maps affect public access? (O)
- How can you justify using private lands to create a corridor system for wildlife? (O)
- Has the legislature given you authority to implement this plan? (O)
- How does your map affect private property rights? (O)
- Why is law enforcement a part of the plan if its non-regulatory? (R)

# How to Submit Comments

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