

# **Appendix N**

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California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
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The Natural Community Conservation Planning Act (NCCPA) requires that Natural Community Conservation Plans (NCCPs) provide for the protection of habitat, natural communities, and species diversity on a landscape or ecosystem level through the creation and long-term management of habitat reserves or other measures. Habitat reserves are to contribute to the conservation of species by incorporating, as needed:

- Conservation or restoration and management of representative natural and semi-natural landscapes to maintain the ecological integrity of large habitat blocks, ecosystem function, and biological diversity
- Establishment of one or more reserves or other measures that provide conservation of Covered Species and linkages between them and adjacent habitat areas within and outside the NCCP Plan Area
- Protection and maintenance of habitat areas that are large enough to support sustainable populations of Covered Species
- Incorporation of a range of gradients (such as slope, elevation, aspect and coastal or inland characteristics) and high habitat diversity to provide for shifting species distribution due to changed circumstances
- Sustenance of the effective movement and interchange of organisms between habitat areas in a manner that maintains the ecological integrity of the habitat areas within the NCCP Plan Area

Table N1-1 describes the locations in the DRECP and EIR/EIS where required NCCP elements are included and appropriately described and documented. For purposes of this Draft NCCP, these elements are based on the Preferred Alternative (Chapter II.3). Chapter II.3 and the chapters and sections identified below, considered collectively, comprise the draft NCCP component of the DRECP.

**Table N1-1  
Location of NCCP Elements in the DRECP and EIR/EIS**

NCCP Element	Location in the DRECP and EIR/EIS
Introduction/Objectives/Legal Framework/Planning Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volume I</li> </ul>
Land Use and Covered Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renewable Energy Goals and Planning Process (Section I.3.5); Plan Integration (Section I.3.6); Overview Description of Covered Activities (Section II.3.1.4); Megawatt Distribution (Appendix F)</li> </ul>

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Location of NCCP Elements in the DRECP and EIR/EIS**

NCCP Element	Location in the DRECP and EIR/EIS
Physical and Biological Resources (Including Covered Species and Climate Change)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natural Community Conservation Planning Process (Section I.3.2); DRECP Biological Conservation Planning Process (Section I.3.4); Selection of DRECP Proposed Covered Species: Process and Methods (Appendix B); Environmental Setting/Affected Environment (Chapter III.1); Biological Resources (Chapter III.7); Land Use and Policies (Chapter III.11); Climate Change (Appendix P); Baseline Biology Report (Appendix Q); Data Supporting Volumes III and IV (Appendix R)</li> </ul>
Impact Assessment and Levels of Take	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approach to the Biological Resources impact analysis (Section IV.7.1); Typical Biological Resources impacts common to the alternatives (Section IV.7.2); Biological Resources impact analysis (Section IV.7.3.2); The Biological Resources impact analysis for renewable energy and transmission development for the NCCP is the same as the Plan-wide impact analysis (Section IV.7.3.2.1.1); The Biological Resources impact analysis of the reserve design for the NCCP is provided in the NCCP section (Section IV.7.3.2.3); Cumulative impact analysis for Biological Resources (Section IV.25.3.7); Supporting data for the Biological Resource impact analysis (Appendix R).</li> </ul>
Conservation Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natural Community Conservation Planning Process (Section I.3.2); DRECP Biological Conservation Planning Process (Section I.3.4); Biological Goals and Objectives (Section II.3.1.2.3 and Appendix C); Reserve Design Development Process and Methods (Section II.3.1.2.4 and Appendix D); Summary of Responses to Independent Science Reviews (Appendix E); Biological Conservation and Management Actions (Section II.3.1.2.5 and Appendix H); NCCP Elements of the Preferred Alternative (Section II.3.3); Proportionality Estimates (Appendix N2)</li> </ul>
Conditions on Covered Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biological Conservation and Management Actions (Section II.3.1.2.5 and Appendix H)</li> </ul>

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NCCP Element	Location in the DRECP and EIR/EIS
Monitoring and Adaptive Management Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring and Adaptive Management Program (Section II.3.1.3)</li> </ul>
Plan Implementation (Including Governance and Permitting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan Implementation (Section II.3.1.5); Natural Community Conservation Plan Duration (Section I.3.7.3)</li> </ul>
Amendments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan Implementation (Section II.3.1.5)</li> </ul>
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost and Funding (Section II.3.1.8)</li> </ul>
Assurances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulatory Assurances Under the NCCP and GCP (Section II.3.1.7)</li> </ul>
Literature Cited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter I.4; Chapter II.9; Chapter III.25; Chapter IV.28</li> </ul>
List of Preparers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appendix U</li> </ul>
Draft Implementation Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be determined; will be made available for public review at a later date.</li> </ul>

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