

**Questions from the Delta Independent Science Board regarding the RDEIR/SDEIS for the BDCP/California WaterFix.**

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First, could you provide us with a brief overview of how the recirculated RDEIR/SDEIS relates to the prior BDCP and EIR/EIS.

1. How does the RDEIR/SDEIS deal with adaptive management? What sort of organizing structure is envisioned, and how will adaptive management actually be designed and implemented?
2. What is the geographical scope of the RDEIR/SDEIS? How are downstream effects in Suisun and San Francisco Bay as well as the effects of drainage from agricultural fields being addressed?
3. With the separation of CA WaterFix from CA EcoRestore, how will this affect attaining the coequal goals, and ensuring the Delta as an evolving place, when funding and priorities are so different?
4. Will the actions to restore 30,000 acres under CA EcoRestore be subject to the same scrutiny and public comment as CA WaterFix? How closely are CA WaterFix and CA EcoRestore linked?
5. How are uncertainties being dealt with in the RDEIR/SDEIS that differs from their treatment in the BDCP EIR/EIS?
6. Related to this, what steps have been taken to incorporate formal risk analysis and scenario modeling?
7. How has the drought affected the revision of the plan, particularly with reference to management of water flows and upstream releases?
8. What new thinking regarding the effects of climate change and sea-level rise has gone into the recirculated plan?
9. How are the estimates of levee failure that help to justify the tunnels in the RDEIR/SDEIS being coordinated with the efforts underway to guide state investments in Delta levees?