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# LTO WIIN Act Meeting

December 9, 2025

# Agenda

- Executive Order 14181 – Action 5
  - ROD
  - Governance
- Real-time Operation Groups
- Trinity River Division Updates



# Prior 2025 WIIN Act Quarterly Meeting

- June 2025 – Executive Orders and Trinity Updates
- September 2025 – Regulatory updates, Executive Orders, and Project Updates



# Summary of Scope for Operation Plan - Action 5

- Simplified Descriptions
- Remove Early VA Implementation
- Remove Fall X2
- Revise Entrainment Management
- Revise Governance



# Action 5 Record of Decision

- Signed December 4
- Decision
  - E.O. 14181 – Section 2
  - Action 5 Modifies Alternative 2 of the 2024 Final EIS
  - Within Range of Effects of 2024 Final EIS
  - Consistent with Effects Analyzed in 2024 NMFS/USFWS Biological Opinions with an amended ITS from USFWS
- [https://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa\\_project\\_details.php?Project\\_ID=54661](https://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa_project_details.php?Project_ID=54661)



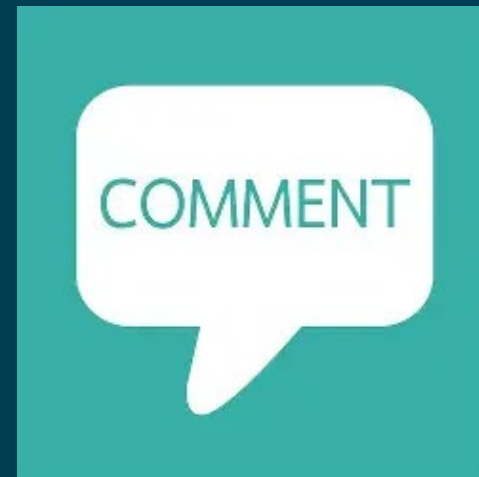
# Action 5 ROD – Key Consideration

- The 2020 Record of Decision (“No Action”).
- Executive Order 14181 to maximize water supplies and appropriately rescind unduly burdensome regulations.
- Reasonably minimize impacts on species while balancing other competing needs consistent with restoring Gold Standard Science.
- Updated Governance
- Authority to implement actions.



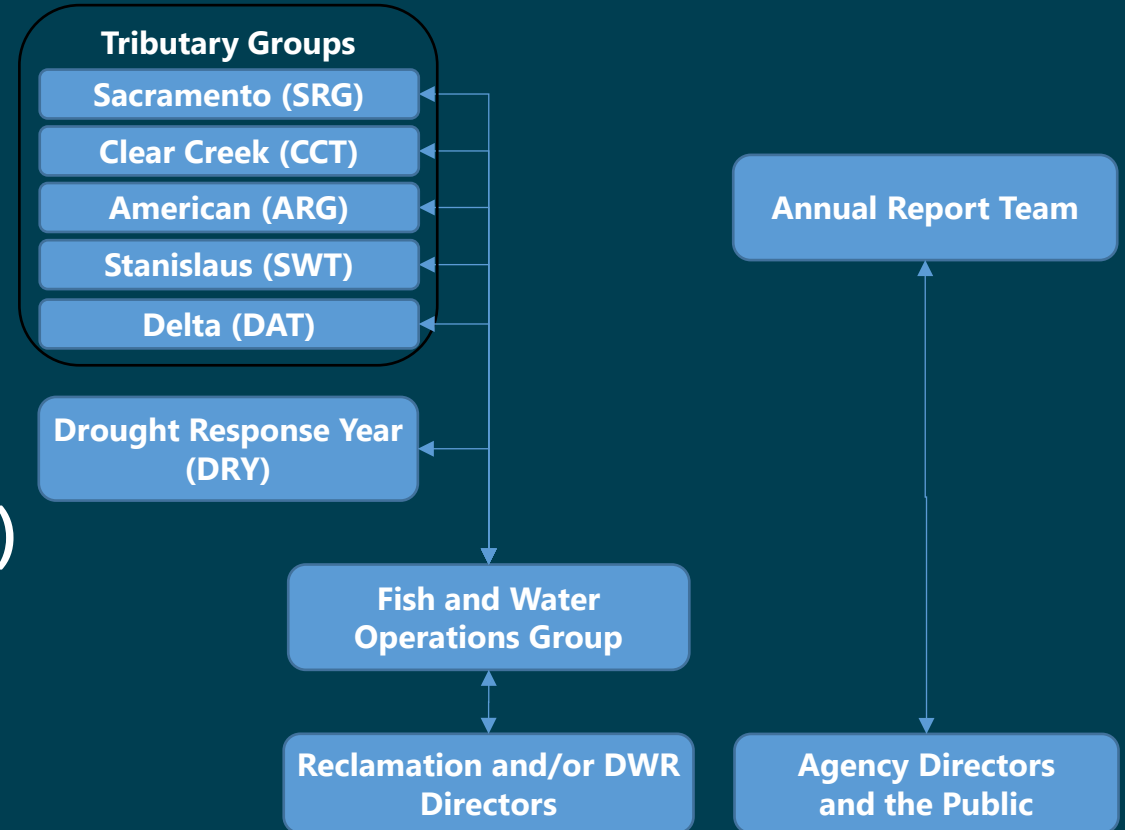
# Action 5 ROD – Comment Themes

- Species Protection Effectiveness Based on Water Supply Impacts
- Decreased Survival Based on Detections in Salvage
- Insufficiency of Protections
- Certainty and Reliability of Protective Measures
- Governance and Decision Making
- Potential Scientific Advancements
- Agency Responsibilities under the ESA
- Agency Responsibilities under NEPA
- Misalignment of CVP and SWP Operations
- Redirected Water supply Impacts
- Coordinated Operations Agreement
- Drought Planning
- Healthy Rivers and Landscapes Program
- Monitoring and Exceedance of Incidental Take



# Action 5 Governance

- Roles and Responsibilities
  - Action Agency
  - Multi-Agency Engagement
  - Interested Parties
- Forums for Input (Tributary Groups)
  - Notifications
  - Seasonal Actions
  - Annual Report
- Scientific Standards





# Action 5 Governance Alignment

| Day       | 2025 ROD  | 2024 ROD   |
|-----------|---|--|
| Monday    | Weekly Assessment w/<br>Operations Outlook                | Weekly Assessment  |
| Tuesday   | Delta Action Team   | 1. Smelt Monitoring Team<br>2. Salmon Monitoring Team<br>3. Delta Monitoring Workgroup |
| Wednesday | Fish and Water Operations<br>Group                        | Water Operations Management Team   |
| Thursday  | Action Agency Directors                                   | Optional Directors Meeting   |
| Friday    | Initiate development of next<br>week's Operations Outlook | Initiate development of next week's Operations<br>Outlook                              |



- Real-time groups may meet ad hoc
- Resources may preclude participation in State ITP efforts



# Weekly Assessment

- Operational Status
- Regulatory Conditions
- Biological Distribution
- Evaluations of Species



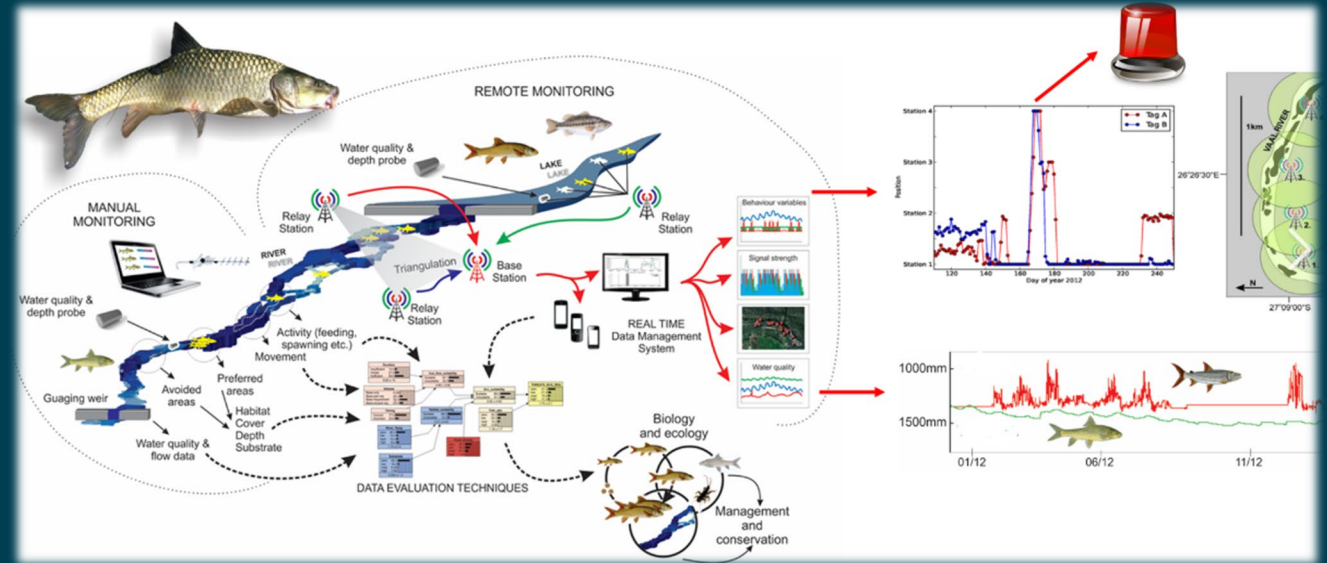
# Real-time Operations Group

- Delta Actions Team (DAT)
  - Comprised of Agency and interested party technical experts
  - Delta Operations and Weekly Assessments
  - Suisun Marsh Salinity Control Gate
  - Delta Smelt Supplementation
  - Delta Annual Seasonal Reports



# Real-time Operations Group

- Fish and Water Operations Group
  - Comprised of Agency and interested party management representatives
  - Provide comprehensive look across CVP and SWP conditions.
  - Provide input on Weekly Assessments and Monitoring Programs
  - Review Seasonal and Annual Reports



# Real-time Operations Group

- Get involved:
  - Email Jo Anna Beck
  - [jbeck@usbr.gov](mailto:jbeck@usbr.gov)

Fish and Water  
Operations Group  
(FAWOG)

Stanislaus (SWT)

American (ARG)

Delta Action Team  
(DAT)

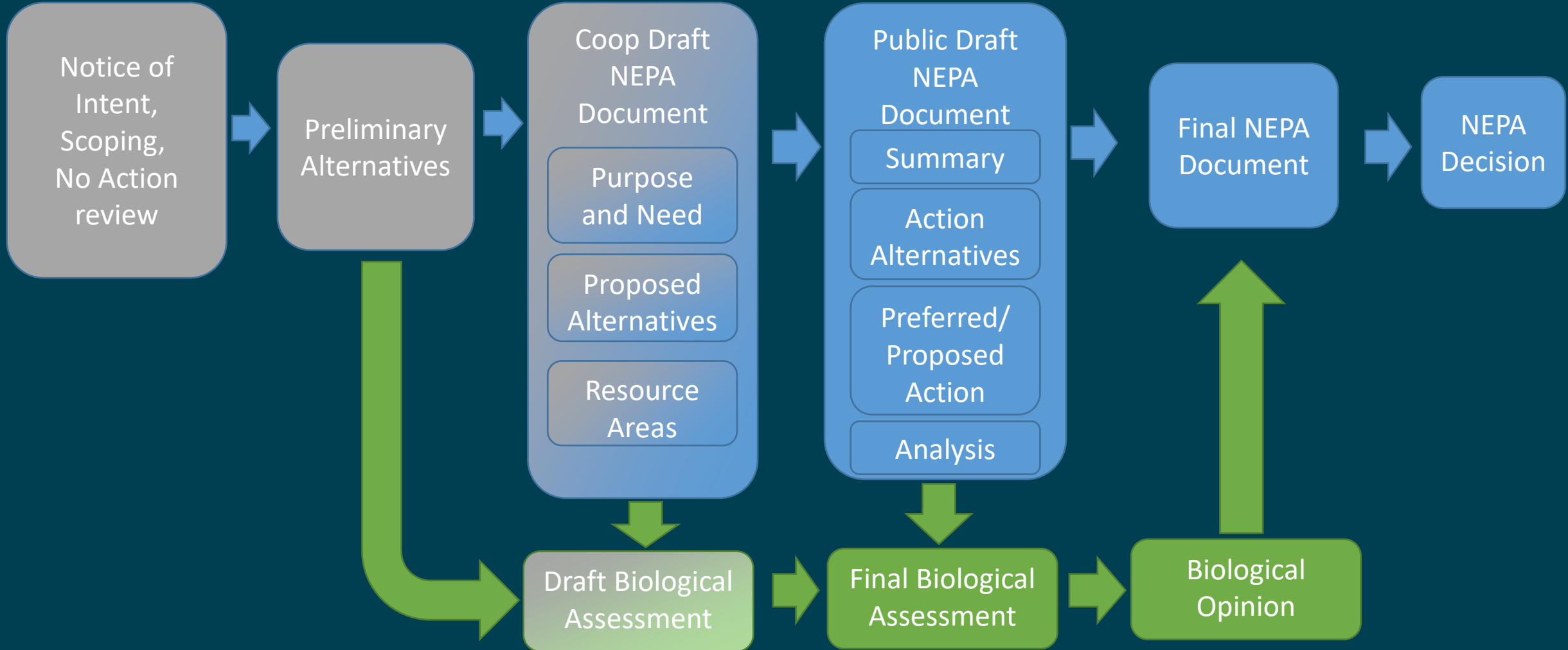
Sacramento (SRG)

Clear Creek (CCT)

Drought Response  
Year (DRY)



# TRD NEPA and ESA Process





# Trinity River Division (TRD) Cooperating Agency SEIS Update

- Targeting a cooperating agency draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement early 2026
- Cooperating agencies will have a 30-day review
- Study area is Trinity River Region



# Trinity Consultation Schedule





# Upcoming



- Next coordination meeting  
March 2026
- Trinity Public Draft SEIS
- Trinity Biological Assessment





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Thank You