



Department of Fish and Game Water Branch

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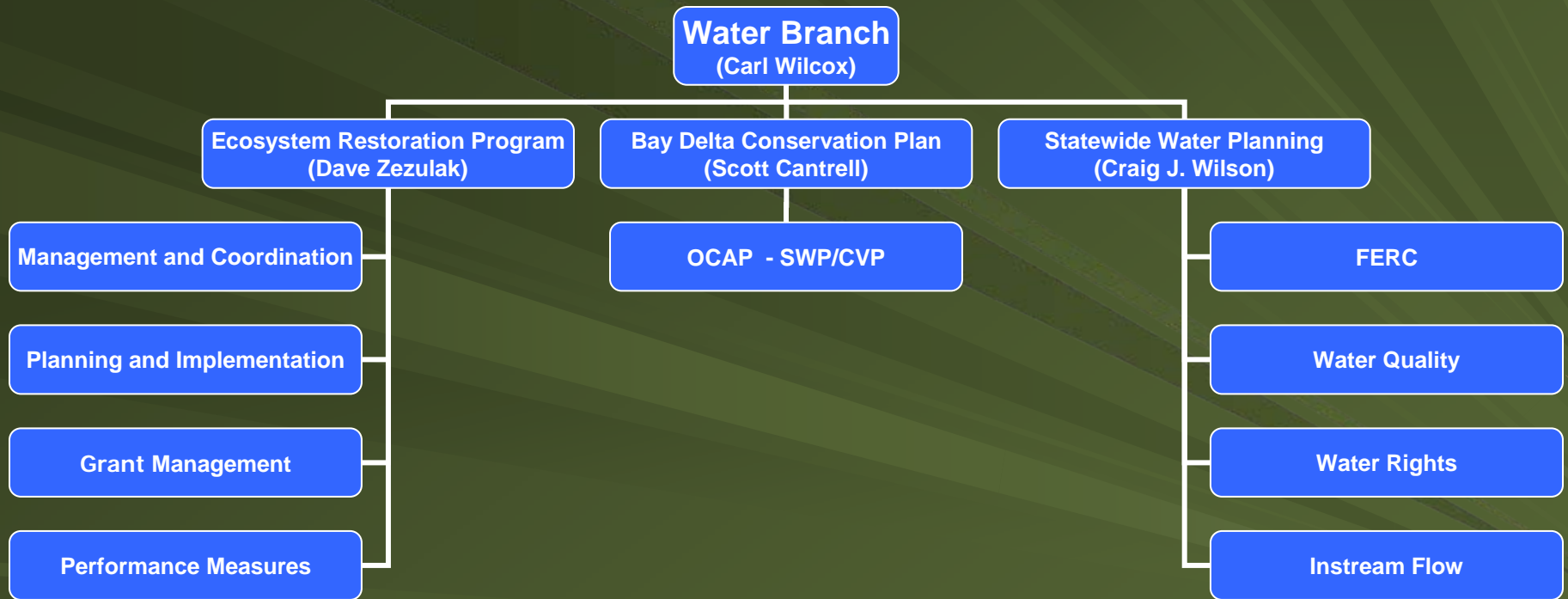


Background

- Initiative #3: Develop Strong Water Resource Management Program
 - Develop scientific expertise
 - Enable DFG to compete with other water interests
- Water Branch established in late 2007
 - Mission: To fulfill our public trust responsibility to the State of California by providing sound leadership in the balanced and integrated management of California's water resources, for the benefit of aquatic and terrestrial species and those habitats upon which they depend.
- Statewide Water Planning Strategy



Water Branch





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■ Provide Support and Establish Policy

– Guidance

- Protests, complaints, enforcement
- Identifying water quality problems
- Approaches for influencing water-related activities
- Conservation strategies
- Flow requirements

– Coordination

- Correspondence
- Review/assistance with high-profile issues
- Open lines of communication with other agencies

– Training

- Water rights
- Water quality
- Instream flow



Water Branch Regional/Branch Interaction

- Establish Regional/Branch water priorities
- Communicate Regional/Branch priorities
- Identify stressors
- Identify and support collaboration of related activities
- Increase efficiency



Current Water Branch Involvement

- Water rights
 - Protests
 - Complaints
 - Enforcement
 - DFG/SWRCB coordination
- Water quality
 - Basin plans
 - TMDLs
 - Permits/WDRs
- FERC
- Instream Flow
- LSA
- CEQA
- CESA/NCCP
- BDCP
- ERP
- F&G Code 5937
- Wetlands
- Monitoring
- Models
- CA Water Plan (Bulletin 160)
 - IRWMP
 - Flood Protection
- CVPIA

Questions?

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