

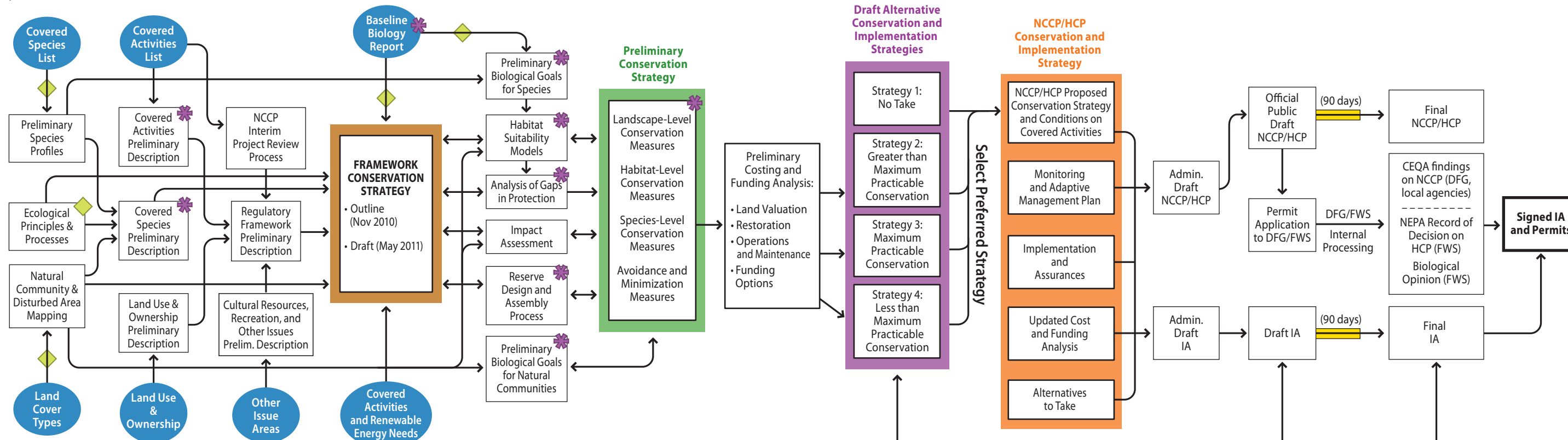
# Proposed Process, Schedule, and Key Decision Points for the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan NCCP/HCP and EIR/EIS

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## SCHEDULE and KEY DECISION POINTS (scale varies)



## NCCP/HCP PROCESS



## CEQA and NEPA Process for DRECP and CDCA Amendment



## KEY DECISION POINTS

- 1** Which species would be covered? Will the plan analyze other planning species not covered by the permits?
- 2** Which activities would be covered by the permits?
- 3** What ecological principles should guide conservation?
- 4** Where would activities covered by the permits occur?
- 5** How would the interim project process work (NCCP Planning Agreement)?
- 6** What is the regulatory framework of the DRECP? Who are the applicants?
- 7** How would covered activities impact covered species?
- 8** What is the appropriate reserve design and assembly process for the plan? How would linkages be incorporated into the conservation strategy?
- 9** How would conservation be achieved on public and private lands?
- 10** How much site-specific survey work would be required of those seeking take authorizations through the plan? (e.g., species surveys)
- 11** How much would the plan cost to implement?
- 12** How would implementation be funded?
- 13** How would the plan be implemented? By whom?
- 14** How long would the permits last?
- 15** What is the adaptive management plan? What implementation assurances would be provided to involved parties? What are the protocols for amending the permits?

## ACRONYMS

CDCA	California Desert Conservation Area	IA	Implementing Agreement
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act	NCCP	Natural Community Conservation Plan
DFG	California Department of Fish and Game	NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
DRECP	Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan	NOA	Notice of Availability
EIR	Environmental Impact Report	NOD	Notice of Determination
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement	NOI	Notice of Intent
FWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	NOP	Notice of Preparation
HCP	Habitat Conservation Plan	ROD	Record of Decision

## LEGEND

- Start
- Consider Independent Science Advisors Recommendations
- Advice from Scientific Experts
- Formal Public Review Period

