

Appendix G RCIS Required Components

To approve a Regional Conservation Investment Strategy, CDFW must determine that it meets all of the requirements in the California Fish and Game Code (CFGF) for an RCIS. To assist CDFW with this determination, the following table lists the requirements in the order they appear in CFGF; for each, it identifies where in this RCIS the required element is found.

Table G-1: Sections of the RCIS addressing required elements in the Fish and Game Code

Fish and Game Code	Required Element	Relevant RCIS Section(s)
1852(c)(5)	A summary of historic, current, and projected future stressors and pressures in the RCIS area, including climate change vulnerability, on the focal species, habitat, and other natural resources, as identified in the best available scientific information, including, but not limited to, the State Wildlife Action Plan.	Chapter 4, Section 5.3
1852(c)(6)	Consideration of major water, transportation and transmission infrastructure facilities, urban development areas, and city, county, and city and county general plan designations that accounts for reasonably foreseeable development of major infrastructure facilities, including, but not limited to, renewable energy and housing in the RCIS area.	Section 2.2.4, Appendix E
1852(c)(7)	Provisions ensuring that the strategy will be in compliance with all applicable state and local requirements and does not preempt the authority of local agencies to implement infrastructure and urban development in local general plans.	Section 1.5.6
1852(c)(8)	Conservation goals and measurable objectives for the focal species and important conservation elements identified in the strategy that address or respond to the identified stressors and pressures on focal species.	Section 5.3
1852(c)(9)	Conservation actions, including a description of the general amounts and types of habitat that, if preserved or restored and permanently protected, could achieve the conservation goals and objectives, and a description of how the conservation actions and habitat enhancement actions were prioritized and selected in relation to the conservation goals and objectives.	Section 5.2, Section 5.3

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1852(c)(10)	Provisions ensuring that the strategy is consistent with and complements any administrative draft natural community conservation plan, approved natural community conservation plan, or federal habitat conservation plan that overlaps with the RCIS area.	Section 5.4.2
1852(c)(11)	An explanation of whether and to what extent the strategy is consistent with any previously approved strategy or amended strategy, state or federal recovery plan, or other state or federal approved conservation strategy that overlaps with the RCIS area.	Section 5.4.1
1852(c)(12)	A summary of mitigation banks and conservation banks approved by the department or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that are located within the RCIS area or whose service area overlaps with the RCIS area	Section 2.2.6
1852(c)(13)	A description of how the strategy’s conservation goals and objectives provide for adaptation opportunities against the effects of climate change for the strategy’s focal species.	Section 5.3
1852(c)(17)	Incorporation and reliance on, and citation of, the best available scientific information regarding the strategy area and the surrounding ecoregion, including a brief description of gaps in relevant scientific information, and use of standard or prevalent vegetation classifications and standard ecoregional classifications for terrestrial and aquatic data to enable and promote consistency among regional conservation investment strategies throughout California.	Chapter 2, Appendix B
1852(d)	A regional conservation investment strategy shall compile input and summary priority data in a consistent format that could be uploaded for interactive use in an Internet Web portal and that would allow stakeholders to generate queries of regional conservation values within the RCIS area.	Section D.4

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1852(e)	<p>In addition to considering the potential to advance the conservation of focal species, regional conservation investment strategies shall consider all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The conservation benefits of preserving working lands for agricultural uses. (2) Reasonably foreseeable development of infrastructure facilities. (3) Reasonably foreseeable projects in the RCIS area, including, but not limited to, housing. (4) Reasonably foreseeable development for the production of renewable energy. (5) Draft natural community conservation plans within the area of the applicable regional conservation investment strategy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Sections 2.2.3 and 5.3.23 (2) Section 2.2.4.1 and Appendix E (3) Sections 2.2.4.2 and E.4 (4) Section E.3 (5) Section 5.4.2
1854(a)	<p>The department may prepare or approve a regional conservation investment strategy, or approve an amended strategy, for an initial period of up to 10 years after finding that the strategy meets the requirements of Section 1852.</p>	Section 6.4
1854(c)(1)	<p>A public agency shall publish notice of its intent to create a regional conservation investment strategy. This notice shall be filed with the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research and the county clerk of each county in which the regional conservation investment strategy is found in part or in whole. If preparation of a regional conservation investment strategy was initiated before January 1, 2017, this notice shall not be required.</p>	Section 1.6.3 and Section D.2
1854(c)(3)(A)	<p>A public agency proposing a strategy or amended strategy shall hold a public meeting to allow interested persons and entities to receive information about the draft regional conservation investment strategy or amended strategy early in the process of preparing it and to have an adequate opportunity to provide written and oral comments.</p>	Section 1.6.3 and Appendix D