Delta Science Projects



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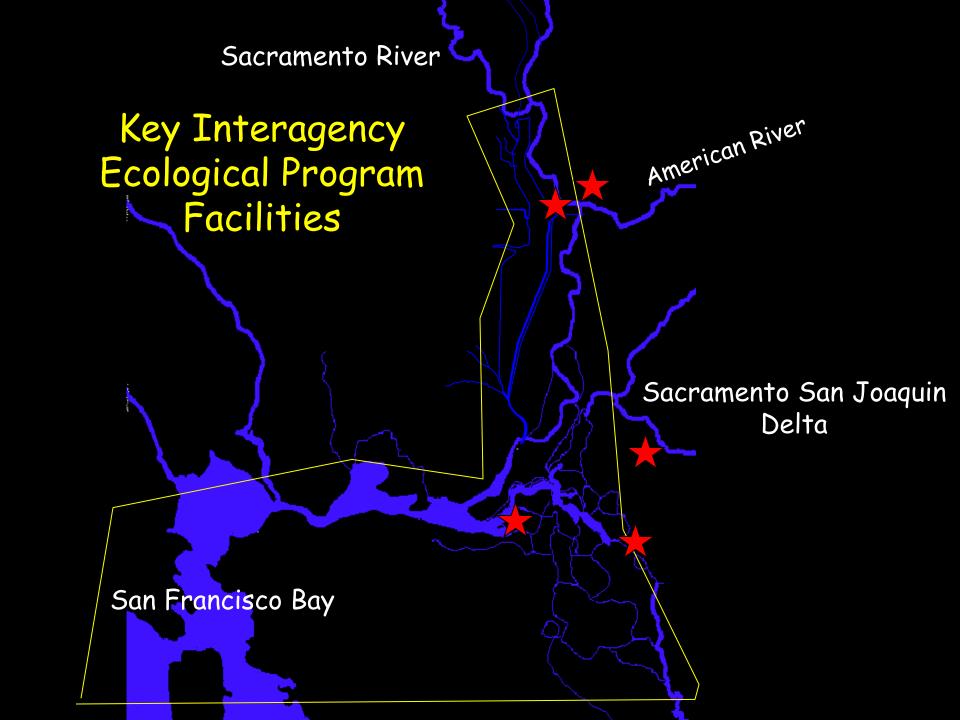
· Long-term monitoring program for Delta

· Nine member agencies











IEP Project Need

Improved science

 To address the extreme economic costs of managing the Delta.

Consolidation of field activities

To better coordinate and share resources

Operations

- To reduce travel and long-term operating costs.
- To build a facility that is designed specifically as a field station.

Central location for science

To create a new and improved focus on Delta issues.

Proposed Estuarine Research Station

Total Space 107,000 ft²

• Office space: 13,000

Boat storage: 38,000

Laboratories: 7,600

• Shop: 18,000

Warehouse/storage: 25,000



Features:

- Conference rooms, employee break rooms, computer room, locker room, reception area.
- Boat ramp and dock with slips (~16 boats).
- Parking for office vehicles (46), employees (78), and the public (37).

Fish Tech Center Project Need

Improved science

To help inform Delta management.

Conservation

- Provide modern facility for refuge populations.
- No existing Fish Tech Centers in California

Central location for science

• To create a new and improved focus on Delta issues.



Proposed FWS Fish Tech Center (FTC)



5+ acres
Multiple species
Features

 Admin building, laboratory, shop, vehicle & feed storage, water treatment facility, indoor and outdoor tanks.

Expected Benefits of Projects

Improved Science

- Better coordination.
- A new regional center for science and conservation.

Improved Operations

- Well-designed facilities.
- More sharing of resources.

Economic and Environmental Benefits

- Good science and conservation is critical for a Delta solution.
- Reduced operational costs over 20-25 years (IEP).
- Major economic benefits to the Delta.

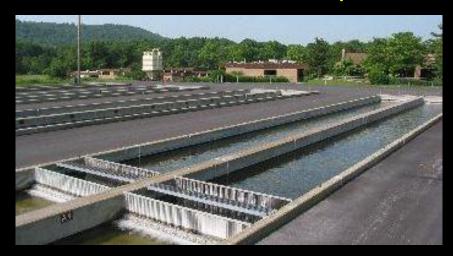
Supporters of Projects



- · Federal elected officials.
- State and Federal Agencies.
- Local Governments.
- State and Federal Water users.
- Environmental Groups.

Possible Partner Projects

USFWS Hatchery





City of Rio Vista Visitor Center

IEP Project Financing



Total Cost ~ \$76 million

- 50% State/50% Federal cost share
- \$11 million of cost for initial development.
 - EIR, Site Assessment, etc.

Delivery Method

- Lease-to-Own option approved by Dept Finance.
- Project built by private developer.
- Ownership in 20-25 years.

Funding

- State Water Contractors support State's share.
- Federal share needs to be secured.

EIR/EIS Process

- · Consultant Team Horizon
- Three projects
 - ERS; FTC; Hatchery
- · Timeline
 - Site screening for alternatives (Winter/Spring 2014)
 - Scoping meetings (Summer 2014)
 - Draft EIR/S (Winter 2015)
 - Final EIR/S (Fall 2015)

