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CALFED Battle Creek Salmon and Steelhead Restoration Project

Project Description

The Battle Creek Salmon and Steelhead Restoration Project (Project) would reestablish 42 miles of prime salmon and steelhead habitat on Battle Creek, plus an additional six miles on its tributaries. Phase 1B of the Project includes reconstruction of the Inskip Powerhouse tailrace (discharge outlet) and construction of a bypass to Coleman Canal on South Fork Battle Creek. Reconstruction of the tailrace would prevent discharges from entering directly into South Fork Battle Creek by redirecting them to an 84-inch pipeline and then into the Coleman Canal. The bypass would involve constructing a 5,662-foot-long pipeline/chute consisting of sections of pre-cast, reinforced concrete pipeline and an open-channel rectangular chute, with a capacity of 340 cubic feet per second. Funding would complete this project phase.

Project Benefits

Phase 1B is part of a larger collaborative fishery restoration effort between Reclamation, Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E), and state and Federal resource agencies. Overall, the Project would:

- Restore approximately 42 miles of Federally- and state-listed threatened and endangered Chinook salmon and Central Valley steelhead habitat in Battle Creek.
- Restore an additional six miles of habitat in Battle Creek tributaries.
- Minimize the loss of clean and renewable energy produced by the Battle Creek Hydroelectric Project, owned and operated by PG&E and licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.



Budget Information

Recovery funding: \$26 million.

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