

Contra Costa Canal Fish Screen (Rock Slough)

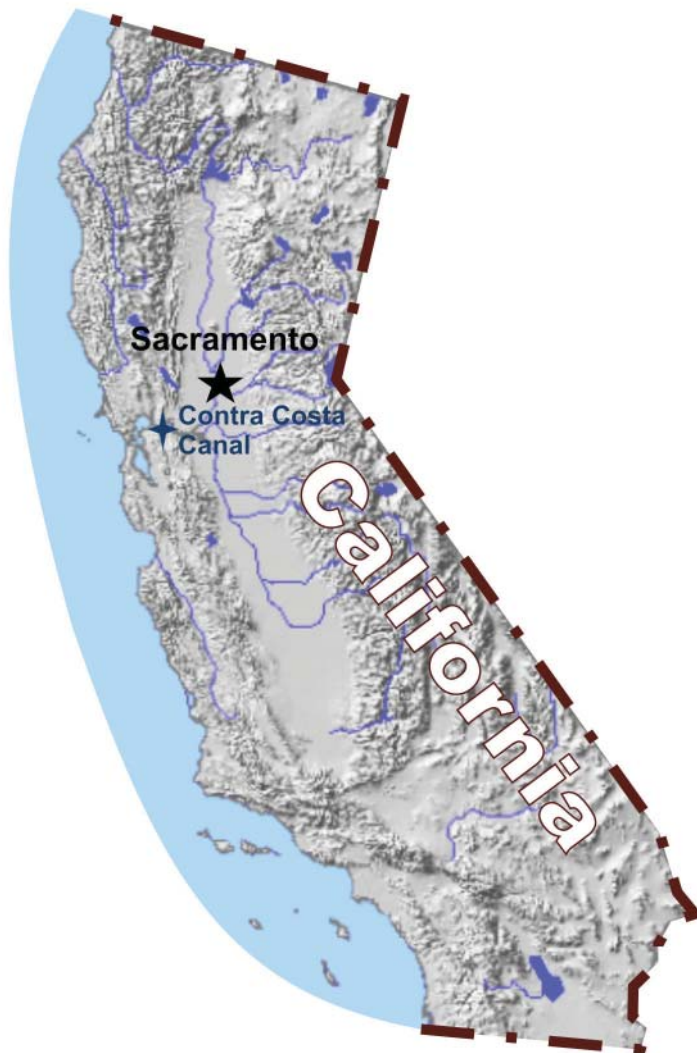
Project Description

The Contra Costa Canal (Canal) is part of the Central Valley Project's Delta Division. Water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is diverted at Rock Slough at the beginning of the Canal, the major water supply and delivery system for the Contra Costa Water District. Between 120,000 and 130,000 acre-feet of water per year is diverted by the Canal for irrigation and municipal and industrial uses. The Canal diversion at Rock Slough is one of the largest unscreened Delta sites. A number of resident and migratory fish species, including the endangered Delta smelt and the endangered winter-run Chinook salmon, can be drawn into the Canal. For this project, a fish screen will be constructed to keep fish from entering the Canal intake.

Project Benefits

The construction of a fish screen will:

- Minimize the entrainment of fish resources associated with the diversion of water at the Rock Slough Intake of the Contra Costa Canal.
- Reduce potential predation on target species in the Rock Slough Intake.
- Fulfill legal requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's 2008 Biological Opinion for the threatened Delta smelt.
- Complete the mitigation for the Los Vaqueros Biological Opinion.
- Complete CVPIA requirements in Section 3406(b)(5).



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Budget Information

Recovery funding: \$20 million.

For more information

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