



South Delta Fish Facility Forum *update for the*

BDPAC
Ecosystem Restoration Subcommittee

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SDFP Forum Background

- ◆ Funding shortfalls delayed Tracy Fish Test Facility implementation
- ◆ Management questions the original South Delta screening program strategy and cost
- ◆ 2 Years of meetings to educate stakeholders and Agency management on facility and related issues



Development of South Delta Fish Facilities Strategy

- ◆ Determine appropriate strategy for South Delta fish facilities
 - Maximize fish protection given limited resources
 - Look at alternatives to “Modular” new screen facility approach
 - Develop assurances
- ◆ Adopt strategy in CALFED program Plans
- ◆ Update 10-Year Finance Plan



Key Recommendations of the Sdff Forum Chairs

- ◆ Phased decision making
- ◆ Science support for long term implementation
- ◆ Assurances for actions
- ◆ Adequate funding needed through Finance plan
- ◆ Immediate actions
- ◆ Long term investments



Immediate Actions

- ◆ Feasibility study to investigate technical alternatives that may reduce CCF predation
- ◆ Improve Debris Removal
- ◆ Complete CHTR Studies
- ◆ Conduct South Delta Hydrodynamics/ Fisheries/Water Quality Studies
- ◆ Phase in Secondary and Holding Facility Replacement at Tracy Fish Facility
- ◆ Improve Weed Control Measures
- ◆ Review and Implement Fish Facility Operational Improvements



Long Term Fish Facility Investments

- ◆ Science-based
- ◆ Facility improvements in context of greatest cost/benefit of fish productivity and habitat value
- ◆ Should not be driven delta smelt – use EWA
- ◆ Modify 10-Yr Finance Plan on agreement
- ◆ Modify Program Plans as needed



What's Next?

- ◆ Comments on Draft due by January 14th
- ◆ Revised Draft to Members January 24th
- ◆ Sdff Forum meeting on Revised Draft
January 31st