



**Briefing on Yolo Bypass and Wallace Weir Projects by California Natural Resources Agency
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Background

As part of California EcoRestore, the state is pursuing a broad range of habitat restoration projects in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Several EcoRestore projects are required elements of a 2009 National Marine Fisheries Service biological opinion concerning the operation of the State Water Project and Central Valley Project. The Yolo Bypass Salmonid Habitat Restoration and Fish Passage Project and the Wallace Weir Fish Rescue Project are two of these required efforts. The Yolo Bypass Salmonid Habitat Restoration and Fish Passage Project is a floodplain restoration project that would enhance seasonal floodplain rearing habitat for fish in the lower Sacramento River Basin by improving the hydraulic connection between the Sacramento River and the Yolo Bypass. It is a joint effort between the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

The Wallace Weir Fish Rescue Project would replace the earthen weir located at the juncture of the Knights Landing Ridge Cut and the Yolo Bypass with a permanent and more operable structure, thereby reducing straying of adult fish. Modifications will also include a new fish rescue facility to facilitate the safe return of adult fish to the Sacramento River.

At this meeting, Kris Tjernell, CNRA Special Assistant for Water Policy, will brief the Commission on the two projects. This is an informational item.

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