

SALT RIVER
CONTINUING AUTHORITY, SECTION 206

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The project area is located on the Salt River near the town of Ferndale, in Humboldt County, California. The Salt River is a tributary of the Eel River. It has its headwaters in the Wildcat Mountains above Ferndale, flows across the Eel River delta, and enters the Eel River within one mile of the Pacific Ocean. The proposed Salt River Restoration Project is expected to restore approximately two miles of riparian habitat along the Salt River, which has been experiencing major ecosystem degradation due to sedimentation and drainage problems. Project solutions under consideration include tide gate removal and dredging to control excess sedimentation, and riparian restoration. The non-Federal sponsor is the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District (RCD).

TOTAL FUNDING:

TOTAL COST:	\$ 8,000,000
FEDERAL COST:	\$ 5,200,000
NON-FEDERAL COST:	\$ 2,800,000

TOTAL FEDERAL COST THROUGH FY04:	\$ 270,000
FISCAL YEAR 05 BUDGET:	\$ 625,000
COST TO COMPLETE:	\$ 7,105,000

FY 04 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The project proceeded to the feasibility level Detailed Project Report (DPR) in FY04. The Project Management Plan (PMP) is due to be executed in the 3rd Quarter of FY04 and feasibility study activities initiated in the 4th Quarter.

FY 05 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The Without Project Condition analysis (F3) and Complete Without Project Condition analysis (F4) are scheduled for completion in FY05.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: The project Preliminary Restoration Plan was approved by South Pacific Division in May 2003. Public/stakeholder involvement and consensus building has been ongoing, and continues to be important to the success of the project. The PMP is currently under review by the project's non-Federal sponsor.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS: 1st District, Rep. Mike Thompson

DISTRICT: San Francisco