

**NAPA RIVER, SALT MARSH RESTORATION
GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS**

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The Napa Salt Marsh wetlands are located approximately 45 miles north of San Francisco, California, along the northern portion of San Francisco Bay. These wetlands originally encompassed 25,000 acres, but agriculture and development have reduced them to 36% of their former extent. In 1994 the Cargill Salt Company ceased production of salt and sold over 9,800 acres of lands in the study area to the State of California. The land is now managed by the California Department of Fish and Game. There are two Sponsors for this project. The California Coastal Conservancy will sponsor the Design phase, while the California Department of Fish and Game will act as sponsor for the Construction phase.

TOTAL FUNDING:

TOTAL COST:	\$0
FEDERAL COST:	\$0
NON-FEDERAL COST:	\$0
TOTAL FEDERAL COST THROUGH FY 2007:	\$ 106,000
FY 2008 BUDGET:	\$ 0
COST TO COMPLETE:	\$ 106,000

FY 07 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Negotiate Project Cooperation Agreement Pending Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) Authorization.

FY 08 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: If authorized through WRDA and funded in FY08, a Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) would be signed and construction could begin.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: The Office of the Assistant Secretary for the Army (Civil Works) denied Sponsor required deviations concerning the Pre-construction, Engineering and Design (PED) phase cost cap. These deviations were required due to the expected change of sponsors from the PED phase to the Construction phase. The Sponsors are currently pursuing the design phase and expect to enter into a Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) after project authorization is given under WRDA.

The final Feasibility Report, completed in June 2004, recommended that seven of the project's eleven salt ponds be restored to salt marsh wetlands. The Chief's Report was signed in December 2004 and clearance from the Office of Management and Budget was provided in December 2005. The project's two sponsors are hoping that project authorization language in the next WRDA will add additional features to the recommended project, including a recycled water pipeline to provide fresh water for pond desalinization and adding the four remaining ponds. The sponsors have initiated construction on the four ponds they hope to add to the project. They also plan to start construction of the two ponds included in the recommended project prior to project authorization and prior to signing a PCA. The sponsors are seeking WRDA language that would authorize reimbursement of any of their advanced construction activities.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: 1st District, Rep. Mike Thompson; 6th District, Rep. Lynn Woolsey; 7th District, Rep. George Miller; 8th District, Rep. Nancy Pelosi; 10th District, Rep. Ellen Tauscher

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