

**SALT RIVER  
CONTINUING AUTHORITY, SECTION 206**

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The Salt River is a tributary of the Eel River located near the town of Ferndale, in Humboldt County, California. It originates in the Wildcat Mountains above Ferndale, flows across the Eel River delta, and enters the Eel River within one mile of the Pacific Ocean. This area lies in the 4<sup>th</sup> largest estuary in California and provides habitat for two federally and state listed endangered species: the Brown Pelican and Peregrine Falcon. The proposed Salt River Restoration Project is expected to restore approximately two miles of riparian and wetland habitats 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 proposed project is also expected to incidentally reduce future flooding and infrastructure disasters. The non-Federal sponsor is the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District (RCD).

TOTAL FUNDING:

TOTAL COST:	\$ 7,327,000
FEDERAL COST:	\$ 5,000,000
NON-FEDERAL COST:	\$ 2,564,000
TOTAL FEDERAL COST THROUGH FY 2007:	\$ 956,000
FY 2008 BUDGET:	\$ 0
COST TO COMPLETE:	\$ 4,044,000

FY 07 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Complete hydro-survey to assist Project Delivery Team (PDT) in the identification of restoration potential. PDT would continue development of the Detailed Project Report.

FY 08 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Initiate development of Project Alternatives with the continued development of the Detailed Project Report.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: The project Preliminary Restoration Plan was approved by South Pacific Division in May 2003. Funding issues have slowed down the implementation process. Public/stakeholder involvement and consensus building is ongoing with FY07 study funding.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS: 1<sup>st</sup> District, Rep. Mike Thompson

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