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**RECOVERY ACT SOLICITATION FOR FISH PASSAGE IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT AT RED BLUFF DIVERSION DAM**

The Bureau of Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Region has issued two solicitations for bids under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). This is the first solicitation for construction of the Fish Passage Improvement Project at the Red Bluff Diversion Dam. The Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority and the Bureau of Reclamation are co-lead agencies for the project.

The ARRA funds will support fulfilling two phases of the project: the construction of the bridge, siphon, and landfill excavation components, and fabrication of the pumps and motors. Contract awards are anticipated in late November and early January, respectively. An additional solicitation for the pumping plant, fish screen, and site work is anticipated in late December. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$220 million.

The ARRA funds will create construction jobs and help protect thousands more in the Sacramento Valley by providing a reliable water supply for 150,000 acres of agriculture, while providing for significant benefits to the fishery resource by improving passage for threatened and endangered fish species. The contract opportunities are part of the stimulus package designed to spur economic activity and create and save jobs. The solicitations can be found at www.FedBizOpps.gov. The solicitation numbers are R09-PS-20-R07 and R09-PS-20-R05. The public is able to follow the progress of each ARRA project on www.recovery.gov.

The Red Bluff Diversion Dam, the Tehama-Colusa Canal, and the Corning Canal were authorized as a part the Central Valley Project to provide irrigation water throughout four Northern California counties (Tehama, Glenn, Colusa, and Yolo). This 140 mile long, dual-canal system enables the Bureau of Reclamation to deliver water to the 18 member districts of the TCCA. The system supports a variety of crops that contribute over \$1 billion to the regional economy annually.