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**FINAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARDED FOR THE FISH  
PASSAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT RED BLUFF DIVERSION DAM**

The Bureau of Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Region has awarded a \$67 million contract for the Fish Passage Improvement Project at the Red Bluff Diversion Dam. This is the final contract award for construction of the project. A portion of the project (\$110 million) is being funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The total cost of the project is estimated at \$220 million.

The contract was awarded to Balfour Beatty Infrastructure, Inc., of Fairfield, California. The work includes construction of the fish screen, forebay, and pumping plant. Two other contracts have already been awarded for construction of the bridge and siphon, and for the fabrication of the pumps and motors.

"This is a significant milestone for the project," said Ken LaGrande, chairman of the TCCA Board of Directors. "We are moving as quickly as possible to be operational to meet the Spring 2012 deadline as prescribed in the biological opinion."

The project is creating construction jobs throughout the North State and is helping protect thousands more in the Sacramento Valley by providing a reliable water supply for 150,000 acres of agriculture. The project also significantly improves passage for several species of threatened and endangered fish, which equates to a healthier fish runs that support commercial and recreational fishermen, and relieves stress on both the state and federal water project operations.

The TCCA operates the Tehama-Colusa Canal and the Corning Canal to provide irrigation water throughout its service area that spans four Northern California counties (Tehama, Glenn, Colusa, and Yolo). This 140 mile long, dual-canal system enables the delivery of water to the 17 member districts of the TCCA. The system supports a variety of crops that contribute over one billion dollars to the regional economy annually. The Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority and the Bureau of Reclamation are co-lead agencies for the project.