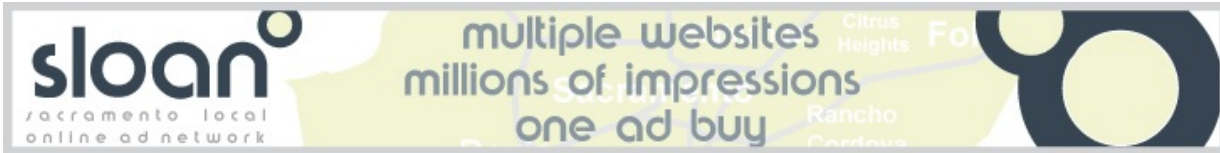


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Feds pouring money at California's drought

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- Central Valley Project getting \$20 Million tax dollars
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The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation is making \$50 million in funds available immediately for drought relief projects throughout the West — including nearly \$20 million for California's Central Valley Project.

This includes \$5.37 million for Delta needs, including drought monitoring for endangered species and what it calls "mechanisms to increase flexibility in water operations."

Another \$2.38 million of the total goes for the Friant-Kern Canal Reverse Flow Pumping Project to bank groundwater for the southern portion of the Friant Division of the CVP.

Also getting money:

- \$3.65 million for CVP's water and power operations to facilitate water transfers in the summer months;
- \$1 million to continue the Battle Creek habitat conservation work;
- \$1.5 million to support the Livingston Stone Hatchery; and
- \$6 million for refuges, including acquisition, conveyance and diversification of water supplies.

Reclamation is also dedicating an additional \$8.8 million for the Central Valley Project made available through the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2015. The funding is to help

pay for operations and maintenance, fish passage and fish screens and supplement the Natural Resources Conservation Services water conservation partnerships to improve efficiency of agricultural water use in the state.

“With climate change, droughts are projected to become more intense and frequent in many parts of the West, so we need to pursue every measure to provide relief and support to communities who are feeling the impacts,” says Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell.

(Editor's note: We anticipate posting video of the announcement Sunday.)



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