

EWA 2000 – 2007, “Pilot Program

- Established under CALFED ROD
- Purpose: protect at-risk fish, maintain water supplies
- Fish actions – focused on delta smelt, Chinook salmon, steelhead
- Fully compensated CVP/SWP water costs due to fish actions
- Stage 1 "Pilot" EWA ended December 31, 2007
- Proposed extension through 2011

EWA 2008 – Year of Transition

- EWA is changing
- Environmental compliance for extended program
 - Draft Supplemental EIS/R - public review completed
 - Final EIS/R - completion expected April 2008
 - ROD/NOD - approval expected June 2008
- Fish actions – mandated "remedies" under Wanger's Interim Order
- Ability to maintain SWP/CVP water supplies is uncertain
- OCAP re-consultation outcome is uncertain

EWA 2009 – “LIMITED” EWA

- Reduced budget – no state funds for water purchases
- Priorities –
 - Protect at-risk fish: VAMP (SWP) and related actions, Longfin smelt
 - Balance mixture of water purchases (if available) & operational assets to replace SWP/CVP water supplies
- Assets:
 - 60 TAF purchased (Yuba Accord)
 - Operational assets (similar to Pilot EWA)
 - Water purchases, federal funds, if appropriated
 - Tier 3 Reserve – discontinued
- Science biennial technical review - ?
