# South Delta Hydrodynamics Measurements: Near and Far Field

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### The Big Picture – Where does this fit?



Lessons learned from the DCC

Fish "go" with the water velocity (A)Within channels (Far field) (B)Within junctions (Near field)

Implications for the South Delta

 Where you put your intake could influence entrainment losses
Geometric configuration of your intake could influence entrainment losses
When you take water (day/night, tidal current phase) could influence entrainment losses



#### Within channels "fish go with the velocities"



Courtesy of Dave Vogel





## Smolt spatial distributions are not uniform! Smolts are concentrated near surface and in the outside of the bend!



## Proposed Flow Monitoring (far field)

- Install and operate flow stations for 3 years
  - Turner Cut
  - Victoria Canal
  - Entrance Clifton Court Forebay
  - Old River South of Clifton Court
  - West Canal North of Clifton Court





# Understanding Junction Dynamics

Three additional longterm (~ 3 year) monitoring stations





## Velocity Mapper

High resolution of velocity structure and fish distributions in junctions



### Pulling water from the North into CCF

SWP pumping: 5,000cfs CVP pumping: 4,000 cfs Combined: 9,000 cfs

Model results courtesy of Enright and Lee, DWR



Flows in channels Outside CCF gates

CCF Gate flows



### Pulling water from the South into CCF

SVVP pumping: 2,500cfs CVP pumping: 1,000 cfs Combined: 3,500 cfs

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Flows in channels Outside CCF gates

CCF Gate flows



# Integration of Hydrodynamics and Fisheries Biology

- Near field understanding of fish entrainment and corresponding hydrodynamic conditions
  - Identify hydrodynamic conditions and export operations that minimize entrainment
  - Correlations between mid- to far-field hydrodynamics, hydroacoustic, and trawling data Manage exports to minimize movements of fish populations into South Delta

