LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Matilija Dam is located on Matilija Creek, a tributary to the Ventura River, near the town of Ojai, in Ventura County. The dam is no longer functional as a water supply structure and is identified as a major impediment to the natural flow of the Matilija Creek, which traditionally supported a large population of Steelhead, a migratory fish related to the Salmon, and an endangered species. The study addressed hydrology, hydraulics, dam safety and removal issues, water allocation, flood control and flood plain management issues, sediment removal, transport, beach nourishment, and environmental restoration.


ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2017: None

FY18 PLANNED ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Optimal funding would be used to execute a Project Partnering Agreement (PPA) and initiate construction by awarding a contract to construct wells at Foster Park. If construction is not funded, investigation funding could be used to continue design phase.

 ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: Project is authorized for construction; however it has not received construction funds. If funding is received, we can initiate construction of the levees, wells, arundo removal and engineering during construction.

A multi-stakeholder team has been assembled to address current issues related to the handling of fine material as part of the dam removal feature. The team will assist in documenting changes. A Technical Advisory Committee will also assist the stakeholders to refine sediment handling concepts:

Project Features: Foster Park Wells Live Oak Levee Meiners Oaks Levee Sediment Highflow Bypass Camino Cielo Bridge Santa Ana Road Bridge Desilting Basin Arundo Removal Matilija Dam Removal (Slurry Line, Earth Moving, Recreation Trail, Dam Removal)

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Congresspersons Carbajal (CA-24), Brownley (CA-26)