The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) conducts juvenile salmonid emigration monitoring on Butte Creek at the Parrot-Phelan Diversion Dam near Chico, California. Monitoring is conducted annually from October through June utilizing an 8-ft diameter rotary screw trap (RST) and a diversion screen trap (DST). Data from this monitoring is used to estimate juvenile spring-run Chinook salmon (Oncorhynchus tshawytscha) abundance and passage, identify alevin emergence timing, document juvenile size at emigration, and document rearing and emigration patterns. This data will also be used to inform the development of a juvenile production estimate (JPE) for spring-run Chinook salmon in the Sacramento River Watershed as required by Condition of Approval 7.5.2 of Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2019-006-00 (ITP) issued by CDFW to California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for the long-term operation of the State Water Project. Salmonid data collected from the Butte Creek RST, among other datasets, is also used by the Salmon Monitoring Team (SaMT) to understand the movement of juvenile salmon in the Sacramento River Watershed to estimate the number of winter-run and spring-run Chinook salmon that have entered the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta). SaMT is a real-time operations monitoring team required by Condition of Approval 8.1.2 of the ITP which meets weekly from October through June, to provide advice for real-time management of SWP operations to DWR, CDFW, and the Water Operation Management Team (WOMT) to minimize take of winter-run and spring-run Chinook salmon in the Delta.

Note: data within the current year’s monitoring season are considered provisional.