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The Intertie, located in Alameda County, west of Tracy, Calif., has the ability to increase average annual water deliveries from the Central Valley Project by as much as 35,000 acre-feet by addressing conveyance conditions in the Delta-Mendota Canal that restrict use of the nearby C. W. “Bill” Jones Pumping Plant to less than its design capacity.

The construction of the Intertie began in 2010, and with two 108-inch diameter pipelines and a pump station. The Intertie can convey up to 900 cubic feet per second of water which flows 50 feet downhill from the California Aqueduct to the Delta-Mendota Canal; via gravity and can pump 468 cubic feet per second of water uphill from the Delta-Mendota Canal back into the aqueduct.

The Department of the Interior committed \$15.8 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to construct the Delta-Mendota Canal/California Aqueduct Intertie Project. CALFED, a multi-agency program, provided \$8.8 million and the remaining funding came from contributed funds and Reclamation’s budget. The total project cost was \$29 million.

The project was completed in April 2012 and was dedicated on May 2, 2012 by Reclamation Commissioner Michael Connor, who commended the partnership between the State of California and Reclamation for making the project a success.

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For more information on the Delta-Mendota Canal/California Aqueduct Intertie Project:

http://www.usbr.gov/mp/PA/docs/fact_sheets/Aqueduct_Delta_Mendota_Intertie.pdf

www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/documentShow.cfm?Doc_ID=5279

http://www.usbr.gov/mp/2010_accomp_rpt/accomp/intertie/index.html

http://www.usbr.gov/mp/2011_accomp_rpt/major_projects/dmc/index.html