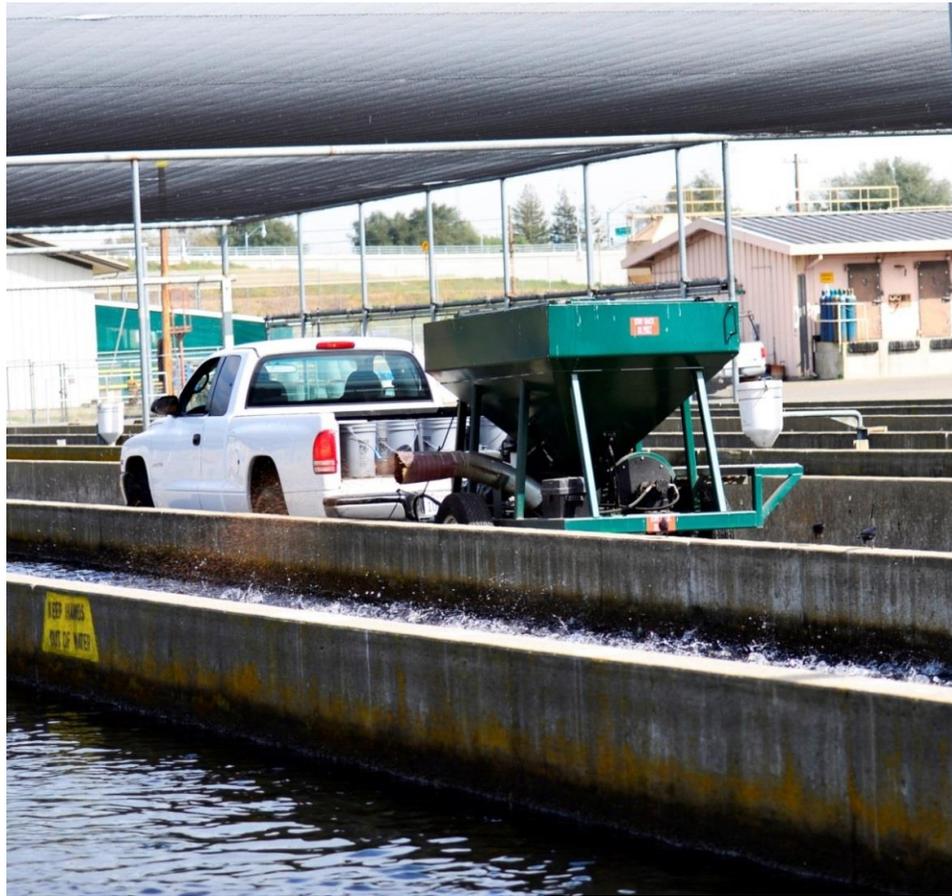


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Managing Water in the West



Nimbus Fish Hatchery (Feeding) – Photo Credit: Winetta Owens

The Nimbus Fish Hatchery, located at Hazel Avenue in Rancho Cordova, just off Highway 50, was built in 1955 on the left bank of the American River below Nimbus Dam to compensate for the spawning areas of salmon and steelhead that were inundated by the construction of the dam. Since 1958, the hatchery has been successfully providing mitigation for the loss of natural fish habitat.

Water for the hatchery is supplied through a 1,415-foot long, 42-inch-diameter concrete pipe that runs from the left abutment of Nimbus Dam.

Salmon and steelhead are raised in twelve holding ponds until they are about six months of age and four to six inches long. Fish and Wildlife's Bill Hamby (driving white truck) has the responsibility of feeding the fish five times daily to promote growth, health and reproduction. Each year, nearly four million salmon of this size are trucked and released into the Sacramento River-San Joaquin Estuary.

For more information on Nimbus Fish Hatchery, please visit:

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/fish/Hatcheries/Nimbus/VisitorInfo.asp>