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San Joaquin Hatchery Receives New Welder

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You're probably asking, "What the heck does a fish hatchery need with a welder?" On the contrary, a welder is a vital tool needed in the day to day business of raising fish for our sport fishery. A hatchery is a complex conglomerate of science, biology, mechanical engineering, and carpentry. The guys and gals that work at each and every hatchery need to know a "little" bit of science to dictate procedure and protocol, a little bit of biology to predicate the growing of life, a little bit of mechanical engineering to provide the necessities of growing life, and a little bit of carpentry to house all these requirements. Hatchery necessities are not exactly items you could go buy at your local Wal-Mart. With that in mind, a hatchery can end up being an area of custom-made tools and required items. And so comes the welder into play.



With the coming of the new year so comes a list of things that need to be replaced and repaired. Unfortunately, the San Joaquin Hatchery's old welder had seen better days and were in urgent need of a new one. In a joint venture between Kokanee Power and American Truck and Trailer Body, Inc. of Tracy, California, a new Miller Wire Feed Welder quickly arrived. The delivery of this new welder is part of Kokanee Power's focus on support for California's Inland Fisheries and the Department of Fish and Game's on-going effort to provide a successful Kokanee, trout and salmon sport fishery.

