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San Joaquin Hatchery Gets a New Look

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Just recently, the “Kokanee Building” at the San Joaquin Hatchery got a new look with the replacement of the old hatchery sign which was located adjacent to the building. Due to weather and old age, the previous sign retired on its own and fell down last Winter. In a casual conversation between Kokanee Power members and San Joaquin Hatchery staff during one of their egg sorting sessions last Fall, it was suggested by one of the staff that a replacement sign be put up to commemorate all the hard and dedicated work put forth by the members of Kokanee Power and SJ Hatchery staff in the sorting, addling, and rearing of the kokanee eggs and fry each Fall.



Kokanee Power director Gary Schoonhoven brought up the idea at a board of directors meeting last Fall and it was a unanimous decision to replace the sign. Vice President Al Millan quickly went to work on a new sign and after much correspondence between the hatchery staff and officials of the Department of Fish and Game, the new sign came to fruition. The staff at the Merced Sign Guys were quick to bring the new sign to life and within a few days, the new sign found a home. More than just a sign, the new sign symbolizes the cooperation, dedication, and old fashioned hard work needed to keep California's kokanee fishery alive and successful.

