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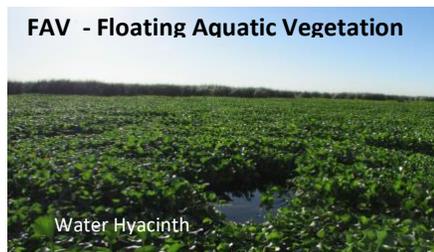
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2. Facilities:

- New LED Lighting Systems upgrade in Existing Controlled Environment Chambers
- Preparing for Aquatic Plant Gas Exchange System

3. Unique Plant Responses

- Nutrient response (particularly nitrogen & phosphorus) of selected Floating Aquatic Vegetation (FAV) and Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV).



Water hyacinth
(*Eichhornia crassipes*)



**South American
Spongeplant**
(*Limnobium laevigatum*)



Water primrose
(*Ludwigia spp.*)



Alligatorweed
(*Alternanthera
philoxeroides*)



Brazilian waterweed
(*Egeria densa*)



Curlyleaf pondweed
(*Potamogeton crispus*)



Eurasian watermilfoil
(*Myriophyllum spicatum*)



Fanwort
(*Cabomba caroliniana*)



Raccoon tail
(*Ceratophyllum demersum*)



4. Accomplishments:

- Ames Research Center / State of California Space Act Agreement - Utilizing Adaptive Management Methods for Invasive Aquatic Plant Management:
 - Transferred remote sensing, satellite-based, Floating Aquatic Vegetation (FAV) mapping and biomass assessment tool to State of California Department of Boating and Waterways for operational testing.

- Modeling ecosystem response to environmental variability and predicted climate change trends utilizing FAV growth models parameterized (light, temperature, nutrients) with environmental response studies in Controlled Environment facilities.
- Initiating Submerged Aquatic Vegetation environmental response studies.
- NASA Climate Adaptation Science Investigators (CASI) Workgroup Initiated:
 - Preparing for an Extreme Future - Aquatic Ecosystem Response and Interdisciplinary Understanding of Landscape Scale Changes with Extreme Climate Events
 - Focus on extreme event modification and reshaping of aquatic and riparian community structure and function and understanding potential impact using State-and-Transition Ecosystem modeling. Extremes are forecast using projections generated from the NASA Earth Exchange (NEX) Global Daily Downscaled Projections (GDDP) dataset; includes 35 Global Circulation Models (GCM) from the Coupled Model Intercomparison Project Phase 6 (CMIP6).
 - Controlled environment studies to inform ecosystems models and critical irreversible state transition vulnerability.