

**Panel Scientific and Technical Review Form**  
(Note: Review comments will be anonymous, but public.)

**Proposal number: 2001-G200**

**Short Proposal Title: Canal Ranch  
Acquisition**

**1a) Are the objectives and hypotheses clearly stated?**

*Summary of Reviewers comments:*

The objectives and hypotheses extend beyond the scope of this proposal. The purpose of this proposal is acquisition of Canal Ranch (Phase III of the project), while restoration will be funded by a future (Phase IV) proposal.

*Panel Summary:*

No. Proposal covers only acquisition.

**1b1) Does the conceptual model clearly explain the underlying basis for the proposed work?**

*Summary of Reviewers comments:*

Model is not sufficient. Model does not address specific processes, impacts, or stressors. No explanation is given on how the modification of agricultural practices benefits splittail or delta smelt.

*Panel Summary:*

We agree

**1b2) Is the approach well designed and appropriate for meeting the objectives of the project?**

*Summary of Reviewers comments:*

Yes, for the acquisition component. Reference to the restoration component is superficial and inadequate.

*Panel Summary:*

For acquisition this approach should work.

**1c1) Has the applicant justified the selection of research, pilot or demonstration project, or a full-scale implementation project?**

*Summary of Reviewers comments:*

No, this is a full-scale acquisition proposal.

***Panel Summary:***

No mention of what will be demonstrated, nor who is the audience.

**1c2) Is the project likely to generate information that can be used to inform future decision making?**

***Summary of Reviewers comments:***

No. The only decision to be made based upon information generated from this proposal is to withdraw or to move forward with the acquisition.

***Panel Summary:***

No. Not clear. Existing proposal will not generate information.

**2a) Are the monitoring and information assessment plans adequate to assess the outcome of the project?**

***Summary of Reviewers comments:***

No mention of monitoring in this phase III of the project.

***Panel Summary:***

We agree

**2b) Are data collection, data management, data analysis, and reporting plans well-described, scientifically sound and adequate to meet the proposed objectives?**

***Summary of Reviewers comments:***

No data will be collected in this phase of the project.

***Panel Summary:***

We agree.

**3) Is the proposed work likely to be technically feasible?**

***Summary of Reviewers comments:***

Yes. This proposal is for property acquisition only

***Panel Summary:***

We agree.

**4) Is the proposed project team qualified to efficiently and effectively implement the proposed project?**

*Summary of Reviewers comments:*

Yes.

*Panel Summary:*

We agree

**5)Other comments**

If the proposal is funded, there needs to be baseline monitoring of wildlife species, water quality, before restoration activities begin.

**Overall Evaluation  
PANEL SUMMARY COMMENTS**

Summary Rating

FAIR The proposal is in support of a worthy project and is technically feasible. However, it appears to be at an early stage, without a signed purchase agreement from the owner. This proposal covers ONLY the acquisition of the property.

Excellent  
Very Good  
Good  
Fair  
Poor

Your Rating: FAIR