

Draft Individual Review Form

Proposal number: 2001-G203-2

Short Proposal Title: Battle Creek Riparian

1a) Are the objectives and hypotheses clearly stated?

The hypothesis and objectives are clearly stated. The applicant has identified those data needed to test the hypothesis, of which baseline data will be gathered as part of this project.

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

The conceptual model explains the underlying scientific basis in a general way. It would be improved if details of the effects on listed species (benefits, etc.) were included in the proposal.

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

Past land acquisitions and their restoration have proven to impart benefits to habitat and species in several cases. Based on the listed objectives, the approach is designed such that there is a high probability that they will meet the objectives of the project.

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

Yes, based on acceptable proposals outlined in the CALFED Bay-Delta Program 2001 PSP. They have used sufficient background information such that this proposal is justifiably categorized as a full-scale implementation project.

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

Yes. Information from the land acquisition alone will be used in decision-making. The preliminary monitoring in this proposal will be integral in their adaptive management strategy which is tied to any future decision-making.

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

The applicant has stated that a baseline monitoring report will be generated for each easement property. However, monitoring, in general, and monitoring to determine if objectives have been met is not sufficiently detailed in this proposal.

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

Data collection is not explained in sufficient detail. Data management and reporting are in line with past methods used to share scientific data. Data analysis will occur as part of their adaptive management strategy which seems to be integral in revising their approach. These uses of any data collected may ultimately help them meet their proposed objectives.

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

Yes. The applicant has requested support for a land purchase and baseline monitoring. Based on those groups involved and the techniques proposed, what is proposed in the application is technically feasible.

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

Yes. The expertise is present within the group that comprises the applicant and those other groups which are associated with this proposal.

Miscellaneous comments

**Overall Evaluation
Summary Rating**

- Excellent
- Very Good
- Good**
- Fair
- Poor

Provide a brief explanation of your summary rating

The applicant has justified purchase of the land, but there are some gaps with regard to the scientific monitoring that will be performed as part of baseline data collection.