Draft Individual Review Form

Proposal number: 2001-<u>H203-2</u> Short Proposal Title: <u>Sonoma Creek Watershed Conservancy</u>

1a) Are the objectives and hypotheses clearly stated?

Objectives, although varied, are very clearly outlined, easy to follow.

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

The conceptual model identified in this proposal is clear. The basis for the work proposed is identified, well documented.

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

The various approaches to the different components are well laid out. The work and activities planned use proven methods and should achieve objectives.

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

The proposal bases much of the work on work completed in previous efforts. The funding for this proposal allows for implementation and continuation of efforts.

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

Some of the work, such as the public outreach and education activities results can be used as models for others. The fish passage monitoring and definitely the Vineyard Demonstration projects will also have useful information for use by others in decision making.

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

The monitoring proposed by the applicant will be done by a number of organizations from the RCD and Sonoma Ecology Center, however it is unclear what methodologies will be employed. This area of the proposal is somewhat weak.

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

Data management and disseminations plans are well identified, including the use of newsletters and a website.

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

All work and coordination is proposed using proven technology and coordination techniques. It is expected that proposed efforts are technically feasible.

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

The folks that will be involved in the project, including RCD staff appear to be well qualified and have played a role in the previously identified activities under the earlier grant.

Miscellaneous comments

This proposal is definitely worth funding. Judging from the level of completion of previous projects (pg 17-18), they have a proven track record. The overall benefits to the CALFED Suisun Marsh/SF Bay Ecozone could be significant. I felt this group had a good handle on the Watershed Stewardship efforts and wanted to expand them. The proposed projects such as fish passage barrier removal and Bank Repair work are not too ambitious and therefore have a high degree of potential success. The amount of cost sharing and the number of partners is impressive and will contribute to the likely success of the efforts proposed.

Overall Evaluation	Provide a brief explanation of your summary rating (see above)
Summary Rating	
□ Excellentx Very Good□ Good□ Fair□ Poor	