

## Draft Individual Review Form

**Proposal number: 2001-H211-1      Short Proposal Title: Willow Slough WS Rangeland Stewardship Program**

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

Objectives are well identified with clearly stated hypotheses. A very ambitious proposal, on the heels of the seemingly successful Union School Slough Watershed Improvement Program.

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

Two very good models were identified, providing the basis for the proposed work.

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

Approaches to outreach/ landowner education are well designed, using the USSWSIP as a model. Other proposed projects are equally well grounded.

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

One area in particular that was exceptionally well thought out is the attempt to evaluate the landowner outreach/education. This proposed evaluation could be applied to all kinds of watershed outreach efforts and adaptive management could be employed, based on input provided.

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

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

A large amount of information is planned for collection and used for future decisions in the watershed. I think much of the information may be applied to other similar watersheds, as well.

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

I believe what has been outlined for data collection, monitoring and analysis will adequately meet the project objectives.

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

All proposed work has well documented use and success.; therefore, there is no reason to believe the proposed project would not be technically feasible.

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

The Audubon team is well qualified, with lots of experience on their own properties and the USSWIP activities. There is also good use of reputable UC Davis folks to do some of the activities proposed. I think it is a good mix of knowledgeable folks.

**Miscellaneous comments**

SUMMARY—Budget info pages are well done, easy to read, clear. However, I’m confused about the cost-share partners and effort. I could not determine which partners/\$ are for this project or for only the USSWIP-very confusing. Improvements to the Willow Slough watershed will provide benefits downstream to valuable native fish habitat and water quality. Working with private landowners who are very willing (see letters) will have far-reaching benefits not just directly to Willow Slough, but also to use as a model in other watersheds about working with knowledgeable folks working to improve on-farm/ranch that will positively impact downstream environments.

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