

Geographic Review Panel 1 – Bay Delta

Proposal number: 2001-E200 **Short Title:** Phase II : In Channel Islands

1. Applicability to CALFED ERP Goals and Implementation Plan and CVPIA priorities, and relevance to ERP and CVPIA priorities for your region.

Applicability to three ERP goals 1,2,and 4 are described. Highly applicable to this region.

2. Linkages/coordination with previously funded projects or other restoration activities in your region. See staff comments.

3. Feasibility, especially the project's ability to move forward in a timely and successful manner. Three month construction window may be overly ambitious considering weather uncertainties. Technical feasibility has been demonstrated in past applications, but primarily in reservoirs. These methods have not been applied for dynamic riverine environments. Concur with TARP on issues related to maintenance. Three-year monitoring period should be extended, and they should apply for additional funding for monitoring.

4. Qualifications of the applicants and others involved in implementing the proposed project. General qualifications strong. The organization chart identifies a Fisheries Biologist, but no qualifications are given. It is not stated who will be conducting engineering or biological monitoring.

5. Local involvement (including environmental compliance). Extensive through Delta In-Channel Islands work group. See staff comments.

6. Cost. Expected products/outcome (annual report and information posted on the internet) appear relatively small compared to project cost of over \$ 1 million.

7. Cost sharing. SB 34 - \$386,000; ABAG - \$26,000; DI-CIWG - \$63,000 in-kind service

8. Additional comments. Monitoring plan should be more detailed.

If Phase III is implemented, the panel feels the costs will be extensive, and should be considered at this time.

No proposed method to test the second objective as no biological monitoring plan is specified.

Panel concurs with TARP concern over longevity of this highly engineered restoration effort.

Regional Ranking

Panel Ranking: Medium high

Provide a brief explanation of your ranking: Very important issue to consider for future restoration. Valuable methods to develop and data development should provide future restoration techniques and methods.