

Geographic Review Panel Form

Proposal number: 2001-E201 **Short Proposal Title:** Hill Slough West Habitat Restoration Demonstration Project

1. Applicability to CALFED ERP Goals and Implementation Plan and CVPIA priorities, and relevance to ERP and CVPIA priorities for your region. The project applies to CALFED Goals #1, 2, and 4. This project will complete environmental documentation and permitting for the restoration project. Project is regionally important.

2. Linkages/coordination with previously funded projects or other restoration activities in your region. Possible linkages with Peytonia Slough, Joice Island and Rush Ranch are indicated. Specific linkages are not identified.

3. Feasibility, especially the project's ability to move forward in a timely and successful manner. The project appears feasible, but details are lacking, making this difficult to evaluate. Species benefits of the project were not delineated. Not clear how they will test their hypothesis. For future phases, concur with individual reviewer comments regarding hypothesis testing and knowledge of existing area.

4. Qualifications of the applicants and others involved in implementing the proposed project. The team appears to be qualified.

5. Local involvement (including environmental compliance). Involvement with local community is not indicated, but the project will be coordinated with other appropriate agencies. This phase of the project is designed to determine appropriate compliance and necessary permits.

6. Cost. Delineation of tasks between Phase I and Phase II are not clear. How much environmental documentation was completed in Phase I?

7. Cost sharing. Cost sharing is indicated for monitoring and property acquisition costs, but values are not given.

8. Additional comments. Baseline conditions should be established.

Regional Ranking

Panel Ranking: Medium high

Provide a brief explanation of your ranking: This is a valuable demonstration project to evaluate restoration methods for other sites in Suisun Bay.