

Geographic Review Panel 1 – Bay Delta

Proposal number: 2001-E203

Short Proposal Title: Fay Island Restoration,
Phase I

1. Applicability to CALFED ERP Goals and Implementation Plan and CVPIA priorities, and relevance to ERP and CVPIA priorities for your region. Good reference to ERP goals. Applicant says this project is consistent with CVPIA and AFRP. Applicability is for subsequent phases of this project, but not for the acquisition and feasibility study as proposed in Phase I.

2. Linkages/coordination with previously funded projects or other restoration activities in your region. References projects in Old River and connection as habitat corridor. Compliments Rhode Island project (not yet funded for construction, still in planning phase, no permits). No perceived conflicts with other projects in the region.

3. Feasibility, especially the project's ability to move forward in a timely and successful manner. Acquisition of property and feasibility study proposed in Phase I appear to be very feasible, pending funding. Subsequent phases of project, which would ultimately yield tangible benefits to ecosystem and species, dependent upon cancellation of Williamson Act contract as well as obtaining appropriate permits.

4. Qualifications of the applicants and others involved in implementing the proposed project. Applicant does not specify the qualifications of CDFG staff (unidentified) working on the project. This proposal does not include scientific portions; these would be proposed for future phases of the project.

5. Local involvement (including environmental compliance). No plan for public outreach included; no impacts identified or anticipated under this first phase of the proposal. Environmental compliance expected in subsequent phases, but not for this phase.

6. Cost. Cost appears reasonable; costs outlined well.

7. Cost sharing. No cost share proposed.

8. Additional comments. Don't anticipate direct benefits to ecosystem and species with this proposal, as it is land acquisition and feasibility study only. No assurance of future funding for subsequent phases.

Regional Ranking

Panel Ranking: Medium high

Provide a brief explanation of your ranking: Offers a good opportunity for restoration including passive restoration. Contributes to ERP goals and Stage 1 actions established for delta restoration.