

Geographic Review Panel 1 – Bay Delta

Proposal number: 2001-F210 **Short Title:** Pesticide/ Metals Trophic Transfer

1. Applicability to CALFED ERP Goals and Implementation Plan and CVPIA priorities, and relevance to ERP and CVPIA priorities for your region. Applicability to ERP goals 1, 5 and 6, are clearly described. There is general applicability to CVPIA Priorities as data generated from this proposal should apply to many species of concern. To the extent that this proposal will lead to a reduction in harmful levels of hydrophobic pesticides and heavy metals in the aquatic environment, this proposal would support the CVPIA AFRP plan, Evaluation number 7.

2. Linkages/coordination with previously funded projects or other restoration activities in your region. Linkages to four other CALFED funded projects are detailed. The panel see no conflicts with other projects.

3. Feasibility, especially the project’s ability to move forward in a timely and successful manner. Feasibility appears high based on the detailed description on pages 10 and 11 of the proposal. The project schedule also appears feasible. The only issue we have is that continuing collaboration with DWR’s benthic Monitoring Program is dependent on future funding for that program. Also, we do not know if the current (DWR) dedicated monitoring sites provide optimal sampling locations for the proposed study purposes.

4. Qualifications of the applicants and others involved in implementing the proposed project. The team appears highly qualified, with clear task delineation of responsibility.

5. Local involvement (including environmental compliance). Collaboration with DWR, state resource managers and members of academia. Eleven letters of support are attached to the proposal, including four from Federal/state agencies.

6. Cost. Panel has no comment.

7. Cost sharing. Assume there is none, as no information on this subject was found in the proposal.

8. Additional comments. As noted in TARP review, panel is concerned with choice of a benthic amphipod since it is not in the diet of salmon.

Regional Ranking :

Panel Ranking: Medium low

Provide a brief explanation of your ranking: The previous Individual Reviews were “EXCELLENT” and “FAIR”, while the overall evaluation from TARP was “GOOD.” The panel concurs with the TARP Summary comments, and ranks this proposal as

“MEDIUM LOW”, given the choice of benthic amphipods as a diet item for juvenile salmonids.