

Geographic Review Panel 1 – Bay Delta

Proposal number: 2001-G201

Short Proposal Title: Wildlife Friendly
Farming Demonstration

1. Applicability to CALFED ERP Goals and Implementation Plan and CVPIA priorities, and relevance to ERP and CVPIA priorities for your region. Relevant to ERP goals and CVPIA priorities as they relate to enhancement of habitat for threatened and endangered terrestrial species, but not necessarily to anadromous fish. Important regional project for terrestrial species.

2. Linkages/coordination with previously funded projects or other restoration activities in your region. Excellent linkage to all the previously-funded CALFED projects in the East Delta area, and ERP's vision for an East Delta habitat corridor.

3. Feasibility, especially the project's ability to move forward in a timely and successful manner. Feasible, due to current management agreement. Permits would need to be obtained; timeline outlined in proposal. Another water quality criterion that should be tested is the release of residue pesticides in the soil released by land use change.

4. Qualifications of the applicants and others involved in implementing the proposed project. The participants on this project appear to be very qualified and experienced in relation to this proposal. DWR MWQI's Bryte Lab to conduct project monitoring and data assessment.

5. Local involvement (including environmental compliance). Excellent tie-in with already established and successful public outreach efforts.

6. Cost. Costs outlined, seem reasonable.

7. Cost sharing. Good cost share proposed by landowner and by DWR.

8. Additional comments. Would concur with individual scientific reviewer that the commitment for long-term protection of Staten needs to be made in order for this to be an effective project.

Panel encourages an evaluation that may give some indication of the magnitude of increased benefits versus cost before this work is conducted.

Regional Ranking

Panel Ranking: Medium

Provide a brief explanation of your ranking: Valuable habitat for sandhill crane and waterfowl. Panel encourages an analysis of the benefits of existing versus proposed use prior to funding for this proposal. Panel is concerned about funding capital improvements on land which currently is not under easement (conservation easement is being negotiated). Land is currently managed very well.