

Geographic Review Panel 1 – Bay Delta

Proposal number: 2001-I206 **Short Proposal Title:** Master River Teacher

1. Applicability to CALFED ERP Goals and Implementation Plan and CVPIA priorities, and relevance to ERP and CVPIA priorities for your region. This project relates to CALFED’s goals of developing environmental education programs, but not necessarily restoration goals. Links to regional goals in the Bay-Delta are not specified in the proposal. Proposal supports CVPIA AFRP Action 1.

2. Linkages/coordination with previously funded projects or other restoration activities in your region. The proposal will “study past and future restoration projects throughout the San Joaquin/Bay-Delta System;” however, specifics of how this will be done are not indicated.

3. Feasibility, especially the project’s ability to move forward in a timely and successful manner. Panel concurs with the TARP review stating that the project appears to be feasible.

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

5. Local involvement (including environmental compliance). The program will involve many local school children and train 30 master teachers. Environmental compliance does not appear to be a problem.

6. Cost. Costs seem reasonable for three years of teacher training.

7. Cost sharing. No cost sharing is indicated.

8. Additional comments.

Regional Ranking

Panel Ranking: Medium

Provide a brief explanation of your ranking: The panel agrees with the previous Panel Summary comments, but not with the Summary Rating of “POOR.” We acknowledge project applicants did not propose a sound hypothesis to test their assumptions, but note they are generalists as opposed to scientists. We find the general educational concept sound, with a reasonable cost/benefit expectation, and find a rank of MEDIUM is appropriate.