

Geographic Review Panel 1 – Bay Delta

Proposal number: 2001-I207 **Short Proposal Title:** Environmental Stewardship

1. Applicability to CALFED ERP Goals and Implementation Plan and CVPIA priorities, and relevance to ERP and CVPIA priorities for your region. Staff review indicated that this proposal addresses Goal 6 (Water and Sediment Quality) and could be linked to Stage 1 actions. Narrow target audience. Proposal supports CVPIA AFRP Action 1.

2. Linkages/coordination with previously funded projects or other restoration activities in your region. Applicant has been funded by CALFED for similar conferences and field tours (topics slightly different). Linkages to similar programs are noted by the applicant, but these proposed conferences and tours may be redundant with existing programs (especially in the Napa Valley, where the RCD and winegrape growers associations are very active).

3. Feasibility, especially the project’s ability to move forward in a timely and successful manner. Agree with TARP that project is feasible.

4. Qualifications of the applicants and others involved in implementing the proposed project. TARP indicated applicants are well qualified.

5. Local involvement (including environmental compliance). The events are scheduled to take place with cooperation of local entities. Would have been nice to see letters of support and more specifics on how collaborators will work together.

6. Cost. Total cost of \$97,000. TARP questioned if this would be sufficient. Panel questions why cost of subsequent events would not be reduced.

7. Cost sharing. Applicant noted that there will be “considerable in-kind contributions”, but did not list any specific cost-sharing. Suggest that such a program would be more effective if additional funds were secured from the winegrape growing groups, UC Cooperative Ag Extension, RCDs, etc. to support some type of follow-up program.

8. Additional comments. Question the ultimate level of success, as farmers and landscapers are provided with information, but not the tools to implement what they learn. For example, site visits or other follow-up would allow the farmer or landscaper to customize the program for his/her application.

Conflict on number of conferences within the proposal (4 and 8).

Panel notes that similar events are taking place by cooperators. Overlap may occur, especially in the Napa Valley.

Regional Ranking

Panel Ranking: Medium Low

Provide a brief explanation of your ranking: Proposal didn't include content for conferences and tours and panel questioned whether reference materials would be available. Panel doesn't know how this fits in with other ongoing activities.