

Geographic Review Panel 1 – Bay Delta

Proposal number: 2001-I208 **Short Proposal Title:** Delta Studies Program: San Joaquin County Schools.

- 1. Applicability to CALFED ERP Goals and Implementation Plan and CVPIA priorities, and relevance to ERP and CVPIA priorities for your region.** The proposal is applicable to all six ERP goals as well as various CVPIA priorities. The Delta Studies Curriculum and Kits will target the ERP goals. Students in grades K-12 in the selected schools and their teachers will be exposed to basic concepts, goals, objectives, etc. in both CALFED and CVPIA. Proposal supports CVPIA AFRP Action 1.
- 2. Linkages/coordination with previously funded projects or other restoration activities in your region.** Many of the schools that will become involved with the development and implementation of the Delta Studies Curriculum are near CALFED and CVPIA project sites. This proximity will allow schools to schedule field trips and to possibly enlist students in activities at the site. Classroom and school site action projects that represent the activities at the project sites will be developed at schools that are not proximal to CALFED and CVPIA projects.
- 3. Feasibility, especially the project's ability to move forward in a timely and successful manner.** This project is feasible and appropriate to the proposed work, and should be completed in the time allotted. Teachers on the school staffs will be recruited as participants, and the project will be incorporated into the schools' curriculum. CALFED staff will participate in the cross-training of the educators. The applicant is the San Joaquin County Office of Education; this support provides strong motivation to succeed. Stipend would encourage broader teacher participation.
- 4. Qualifications of the applicants and others involved in implementing the proposed project.** Personnel involved in implementation of this proposal are highly qualified as professional educators and environmental scientists. Teachers at the schools selected to participate in this program will teach the Delta Studies Curriculum. These teachers will be trained in the Curriculum, which will be developed in collaboration with scientists from the CALFED staff.
- 5. Local involvement (including environmental compliance).** Local and regional development is high. Local involvement will occur through the selection of schools to participate in this program. It is expected that the students and their teachers exposed to the Delta Studies Curriculum will subsequently act in a responsible manner when they confront environmental issues in the future, that they will be empowered to act as stewards of the resources. Numerous support letters included in the proposal.
- 6. Cost.** The costs identified in the proposal budget appear reasonable, and the budget items appear justified.

7. Cost sharing. The only cost share information presented is a statement that cost share for the project will grow as the project develops, ostensibly in the form of in-kind personnel contributions and cash contributions from unidentified sources.

8. Additional comments. Good example for other education efforts.

Regional Ranking

Panel Ranking: High

Provide a brief explanation of your ranking: This proposal has the potential to deliver a carefully crafted message that targets CALFED goals (the Delta Studies Curriculum) by a skilled teaching staff to a captive audience (students in grades K-12) that potentially will be receptive to the message. The potential for positive results is huge.