

Geographic Review Panel 1 – Bah Delta

Proposal number: 2001-I211 **Short Proposal Title:** Bay-Delta Learning Initiative

1. Applicability to CALFED ERP Goals and Implementation Plan and CVPIA priorities, and relevance to ERP and CVPIA priorities for your region. General applicability to all CALFED ERP goals through education. The proposal supports the CVPIA AFRP plan, Central Valley Action 1. Focus on non-native invasive species (NIS) is particularly important (Goal 5).

2. Linkages/coordination with previously funded projects or other restoration activities in your region. This project is linked to past Water Education Foundation (WEF) activities by continuing the use of their Journalist tours and the WET curriculum. WEF links education activities to many CALFED issues by highlighting CALFED restoration activities and assisting the public to understand complex CALFED objectives.

3. Feasibility, especially the project’s ability to move forward in a timely and successful manner. Appears highly feasible. Internet Bay Delta briefing will be based on the “California issues” format on the web which appears very minimal.

4. Qualifications of the applicants and others involved in implementing the proposed project. The Water Education Foundation has a good record for their educational activities. The applicants listed are all highly qualified and well respected in the community.

5. Local involvement (including environmental compliance). WEF activities are well attended and supported by the community.

6. Cost. Reasonable.

7. Cost sharing. Two cost share entities identified.

8. Additional comments.

Regional Ranking

Panel Ranking: Medium high

Provide a brief explanation of your ranking: It is likely that these activities will fill several gaps related to public education. There are no other proposals that focus on adult education and include journalists. And WEF has an excellent record of performing this function. The NIS poster activity should be coordinated with the CALFED NIS technical committee.