

Geographic Review Panel 1 Bay Delta

Proposal number: 2001-J202 **Short Proposal Title:** Propagation/Establishment Techniques and Habitat Requirements for Special Status Plant Species.

- 1. Applicability to CALFED ERP Goals and Implementation Plan and CVPIA priorities, and relevance to ERP and CVPIA priorities for your region.** The proposal targets special status plant species and their associated habitat, freshwater emergent marsh in the central and western Delta, and states that the proposal would support ERP goals 1, 2, and 4. Recovery of at-risk species would support ERP Goal 1, increasing plant diversity in biotic communities would support ERP Goal 2, and restoration of functional habitats would support ERP Goal 4. However, the association between the products in this proposal and the realization of the ERP goals is not clearly substantiated in the proposal.
- 2. Linkages/coordination with previously funded projects or other restoration activities in your region.** This proposal is being coordinated with the CALFED Proposal 980C1006 Rhode Island Floodplain Management and Habitat Restoration. The products from this study could be used in the Suisun Marsh and in other equivalent habitats in the Delta where seed propagation is involved. There may also be linkages to CALFED levee program.
- 3. Feasibility, especially the project's ability to move forward in a timely and successful manner.** Based on the TARP comments, some of the proposed field work is in question. If this were to occur, the products would not be useful to achieve CALFED goals in the region. Panel is unaware of any other issues that would prevent accomplishment of the stated timelines.
- 4. Qualifications of the applicants and others involved in implementing the proposed project.** Panel concurs with TARP comments that applicants have little experience in this area.
- 5. Local involvement (including environmental compliance).** The applicants were unsuccessful in their attempt to work with the Solano County Farmland and Open Space Foundation and the Cosumnes River Preserve. Some support was reported to have been received from Department of Fish and Game and Department of Water Resources staff working on Bay-Delta activities.
- 6. Cost.** Seem reasonable.
- 7. Cost sharing.** There is no cost sharing in this proposal.
- 8. Additional comments.**

Regional Ranking

Panel Ranking: Low

Provide a brief explanation of your ranking: There is a need for the data but the project in its present form is unlikely to provide useful results. The TARP comments appear thorough and appropriate. The comments identify serious and significant technical shortcomings in the proposal. These comments are sufficient to preclude any further consideration for support by CALFED.