

Geographic Review Panel 1 – Bay Delta

Proposal number: 2001-J203 **Short Proposal Title:** Corte Madera Steelhead

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 relevant to ERP Goals #1, 2, & 4. Project is not applicable to the Central Valley Evolutionarily Significant Unit, though results can be used generally for the SF bay.

2. Linkages/coordination with previously funded projects or other restoration activities in your region. Project was previously funded by CALFED. The proposal indicates that the data from this research could be applicable to other locations throughout the estuary; however, the TARP questions the applicability of the data to a broader area.

Coordination with other projects is not indicated in the proposal.

3. Feasibility, especially the project’s ability to move forward in a timely and successful manner. As indicated by the TARP, feasibility is a weakness of the proposal. Need for endangered species permit is a problem, and the connection of the bioenergetics model to real situations is also a concern.

4. Qualifications of the applicants and others involved in implementing the proposed project. The qualifications of the applicants are mixed—experience in bioenergetics and physiological ecology appears to be weak.

5. Local involvement (including environmental compliance). Volunteers will be used for the project; however, this could be problematic for collection of systematic scientific data. As indicated above, compliance with Endangered Species Act will need further work.

6. Cost. 94K. The cost of the project is small and modeling will be carried out through service contracts.

7. Cost sharing. \$47K. One-third of the total project cost will be covered by in-kind services, primarily from volunteer help.

8. Additional comments.

Regional Ranking

Panel Ranking: Medium low

Provide a brief explanation of your ranking: The TARP gave this proposal a “fair”. There were many questions about the applicability of the bioenergetics model.