

Geographic Review Panel 2 - Sacramento River/Butte Basin

Proposal number: 2001-C214

Short Proposal Title: Sac River Floodplain
Acquisition

- 1. Applicability to CALFED ERP Goals and Implementation Plan and CVPIA priorities, and relevance to ERP and CVPIA priorities for your region.** Highly applicable to the region, consistent with CALFED and CVPIA goals and objectives. Potential benefits to non-natal rearing spring-run and winter-run chinook salmon.
- 2. Linkages/coordination with previously funded projects or other restoration activities in your region.** Extends the Llano Seco Unit of the Sacramento River Nation Wildlife Refuge, consistent with the SB1086 effort.
- 3. Feasibility, especially the project's ability to move forward in a timely and successful manner.** High probability of completion, but Panel shares concerns expressed by TARP about vagueness of the scientific study components of the project.
- 4. Qualifications of the applicants and others involved in implementing the proposed project.** Good experience in planting trees successfully. Scientific basis for study minimal.
- 5. Local involvement (including environmental compliance).** Cooperation and coordination from local landowners and county. Proposal should be presented to the SB1086 Board for review. Potential for third-party impacts on county tax revenues and local jobs.
- 6. Cost.** \$2,219,998. Acquire 259 acres and restore 95 acres to riparian.
- 7. Cost sharing.** None.
- 8. Additional comments.** Seems to be a great acquisition project

Regional Ranking

Panel Ranking: Medium

Provide a brief explanation of your ranking: Good acquisition, but proposal lacks adequate technical detail for the restoration component. Contribution to production of anadromous fish not clear, especially for 90% of property behind levee, which drains into Butte Slough.