

Geographic Review Panel 2 - Sacramento River/Butte Basin

Proposal number: 2001-K218 **Short Proposal Title:** Butte, Big Chico Creeks and Sutter Bypass Chinook Salmon and Steelhead Evaluation

1. Applicability to CALFED ERP Goals and Implementation Plan and CVPIA priorities, and relevance to ERP and CVPIA priorities for your region.

Geographically, this project is a high priority and has high applicability to restoration goals in Region 2, particularly Butte and Big Chico creeks, important spring-run chinook salmon and steelhead streams. It is directly applicable to supporting CALFED ERP Goal 1, 3 and 4 and is directly applicable to CVPIA goals under the Revised Draft Restoration Plan for the AFRP.

2. Linkages/coordination with previously funded projects or other restoration activities in your region. This project represents the 6th year of a 10-year life history study of spring-run, fall-run and late-fall-run chinook salmon and steelhead on Butte Creek and a recently initiated (year 2000) study on Big Chico Creek. These studies have been funded by the AFRP. An understanding of the life history requirements and population trends of chinook salmon and steelhead in both creeks is important to understand restoration needs and effectiveness of restoration actions.

3. Feasibility, especially the project's ability to move forward in a timely and successful manner. It is very likely that the objectives will be met, barring any unforeseen difficulties with weather.

4. Qualifications of the applicants and others involved in implementing the proposed project. The Panel feels that the team is well qualified to carry out this work.

5. Local involvement (including environmental compliance). Project has been consistently and closely coordinated with all local stakeholder groups and restoration projects being implemented under CVPIA, CALFED and other restoration programs. Great local resource, team works with local education institutions.

6. Cost. Reasonable

7. Cost sharing. Cost share approximately 50%, both in kind and matching.

8. Additional comments. See TARP concerns.

Regional Ranking

Panel Ranking: Medium high

Provide a brief explanation of your ranking: Monitoring spring-run very high priority in this region, however the technical aspects of the proposal should be improved.