

Geographic Review Panel 2 - Sacramento River/Butte Basin

Proposal number: 2001-K220 **Short Proposal Title:** Reintroduction of Native Salmonids into Central Valley

- 1. Applicability to CALFED ERP Goals and Implementation Plan and CVPIA priorities, and relevance to ERP and CVPIA priorities for your region.** No direct applicability and relevance in this region. Panel concerned that proposal's focus on passage around rim dams will detract from more practical focus on attaining priorities below rim dams.
- 2. Linkages/coordination with previously funded projects or other restoration activities in your region.** Project should be coordinated with CALFED's Fish Passage Improvement Program.
- 3. Feasibility, especially the project's ability to move forward in a timely and successful manner.** Very clear on both feasibility and action plans for planning efforts. Past studies have shown that juveniles do not effectively migrate through large reservoirs, and past efforts to move adults long distances have been problematic. Proposed projects and results of such may meet with considerable public and political opposition.
- 4. Qualifications of the applicants and others involved in implementing the proposed project.** Adequate.
- 5. Local involvement (including environmental compliance).** Applicant appears to oppose large public meetings to gain input or support as stated in the proposal. Panel is concerned that funding this effort may meet with considerable public and political opposition.
- 6. Cost.** Reasonable.
- 7. Cost sharing.** No commitment to apply for in-kind funding.
- 8. Additional comments.**

Regional Ranking

Panel Ranking: Low

Provide a brief explanation of your ranking: Concern over arousing community over project that is unlikely to result in benefits to anadromous fish. Also concerned that project may be redundant to CALFED's Fish Passage Improvement Program under the ISI.