

Geographic Review Panel 2 - Sacramento River/Butte Basin

Proposal number: 2001-L200 **Short Proposal Title:** City of Sacramento Intake Fish Screen Replacement Project

- 1. Applicability to CALFED ERP Goals and Implementation Plan and CVPIA priorities, and relevance to ERP and CVPIA priorities for your region.** In general, screening projects are a high priority. The Sacramento River screen for this project has high applicability to restoration goals in our region, although the screen itself is not located in the region. It is directly applicable to supporting CALFED ERP Goal 1 and is directly applicable to CVPIA goals under the Anadromous Fish Screen Program and the Anadromous Fish Restoration Program.
- 2. Linkages/coordination with previously funded projects or other restoration activities in your region.** The Sacramento River portion of this project is linked to all anadromous fish production occurring in the region.
- 3. Feasibility, especially the project's ability to move forward in a timely and successful manner.** Panel concurs with the TARP conclusion that this proposal was technically feasible.
- 4. Qualifications of the applicants and others involved in implementing the proposed project.** Panel concurs with the independent scientific reviewers and TARP who felt that the applicants were well qualified to conduct this project.
- 5. Local involvement (including environmental compliance).** A draft Environmental Assessment was circulated for public review in February 1999. Present status is unknown to the Panel.
- 6. Cost.** Panel defers to the TARP who felt strongly that an independent outside audit should be conducted as a requirement of funding.
- 7. Cost sharing.** Difficult to determine based on the information in the proposal.
- 8. Additional comments.** The scientific reviewers felt that "the fish screen portion of the proposed work was justified but the extent of their final configuration and the architectural enhancements did not seem justified under this proposal. Panel recommends that O&M and screen replacement responsibilities be resolved prior to funding.

Regional Ranking

Panel Ranking: High

Provide a brief explanation of your ranking: High regional priority because Sacramento River diversion is a high entrainment risk to all anadromous fish migrating out of the region. Panel felt that the potential biological benefits of implementing this project rated a high ranking regardless of the quality of the proposal.