

Geographic Review Panel 2 - Sacramento River/Butte Basin

Proposal number: 2001-L203 **Short Proposal Title:** White Mallard Dam and Associated Diversions

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, specifically the Butte Basin. It is directly applicable to supporting CALFED ERP Goals 1, 2, 3, and 4, and specifically, ERPP fish passage objective, a high priority Stage 1 Action for Butte Creek. It's directly applicable to CVPIA goals under the Revised Draft Restoration Plan for the AFRP, specifically, Butte Creek Actions 14, 15 and 18.

2. Linkages/coordination with previously funded projects or other restoration activities in your region. This project is linked to previously funded AFRP project, the Lower Butte Creek Project, Phase 1b. This phase provides engineering, environmental documentation, permitting and cooperative agreements and construction services for fish passage improvement structures in the Butte Sink.

3. Feasibility, especially the project's ability to move forward in a timely and successful manner. Panel concurs with TARP who considered this project technically feasible, and basically, a standard application of known technology.

4. Qualifications of the applicants and others involved in implementing the proposed project. Well qualified.

5. Local involvement (including environmental compliance). This project is widely supported by the local irrigation districts, farmers, duck clubs and agencies. The only outstanding issues are the operations agreements that need to be signed by all parties (landowners, duck clubs, farmers and irrigation districts) involved in the operations and maintenance of the improved facilities. No major problems are anticipated in this process. All environmental reviews and necessary permits are in place or on schedule for preparation and submittal.

6. Cost. Reasonable

7. Cost sharing. Considerable, not counting O&M and potential replacement costs.

8. Additional comments. Panel concurs with the TARP who stated that the general Butte Creek project is technically good, this site is part of it and that this project is strong.

Regional Ranking

Panel Ranking: High

Provide a brief explanation of your ranking: Project is an important part of the overall Butte Creek project, with benefits to spring-run chinook salmon.