

Geographic Review Panel 2 - Sacramento River/Butte Basin

Proposal number: 2001-L211 **Short Proposal Title:** Sutter Mutual Fish Screen 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. This screen 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.** This project is critical to anadromous fish and native fish preservation and recovery. All upper Sacramento River anadromous fish are potentially impacted at this site including listed spring and winter-run salmon and steelhead.
- 3. Feasibility, especially the project's ability to move forward in a timely and successful manner.** Appears to be feasible based on similar completed projects.
- 4. Qualifications of the applicants and others involved in implementing the proposed project.** Final selections uncertain but candidate firms appear to be qualified.
- 5. Local involvement (including environmental compliance).** Local involvement anticipated.
- 6. Cost.** Unable to determine if costs were reasonable with information provided.
- 7. Cost sharing.** Cost sharing will be involved, but the sources and amounts are unclear. No commitment by Sutter Mutual is specified.
- 8. Additional comments.** Project should be funded in phases.

Regional Ranking

Panel Ranking: High

Provide a brief explanation of your ranking: High regional priority because this 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. TARP noted that screening of Sutter Mutual is NMFS highest priority for the Sacramento River.