

# Final Selection Panel Review

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Selby Creek Stream Habitat Restoration and Riparian Revegetation Project  
Bioengineering Institute

***Applicant amount requested:*** \$475,000

***Fund This Amount:*** \$475,000

The Selection Panel recognized that this proposal is for a project in a priority area for the PSP. The proposal uses an experienced team and the proposed restoration targets priority species. All in all, the proposal seems to be going in the right direction; however, there are weaknesses. The Program should reconsider this proposal if it is revised to address the following weaknesses: (1) a conceptual model needs to be more clearly articulated (consider using flow model for this); (2) the monitoring plan needs further development including hypothesis-testing (There seems to be an opportunity to perform hypothesis testing on what practices are appropriate and the proponent should take advantage of this opportunity.); (3) performance measures should be developed (It is not appropriate to measure the success of the project based on the number of tasks completed.); (4) a rationale for the vegetation plan needs to be provided; (5) the outreach plan needs to be strengthened; and, (6) greater budget detail needs to be provided. The proposal should also provide a description of how other farmers will be motivated to participate.

Three sets of comments were received on this proposal: one from the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, one from the applicant, and lastly one from the consultant to the applicant. The Regional Board questioned the selection of this proposal. The Selection Panel noted that this proposal was responsive to the goal of the PSP, is within a priority area, and is an important stream affecting anadromous fish in the Napa River Watershed. The applicant noted that a consultant has been hired to assist with restoration activities on this creek. The Applicant also provided some additional information during the comment period that begins to address concerns raised by the Selection Panel. The Selection Panel is encouraged by this material and looks forward to seeing the revised proposal. As noted above, the Selection Panel is expecting a (1) monitoring plan, including hypothesis testing and performance measures, (2) a rationale for vegetation plan, (3) a strengthened outreach plan, and (4) greater budget detail.