

# Final Selection Panel Review

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Farmer and Rancher Assisted Ecosystem Restoration and Watershed Stewardship Projects

Western Shasta Resource Conservation District

***Applicant amount requested: \$350,000***

***Fund This Amount: \$275,000***

The Panel noted that while the work in this proposal was not technically within a priority area, this watershed contributes to the Sacramento River, which is a priority for the PSP. The Panel further noted that this project has the potential to provide ecological benefits and is strengthened because it brings together a broad coalition of partners. The Panel recommends funding this proposal at the level of \$275,000 if revisions are made. These include providing greater clarity on: the monitoring plan; demonstrating that EQIP funds are secured; eliminating the \$75,000 for undefined future cost share match. In addition, the proposal needs to further discuss the potential ecological benefit of the seven projects (e.g. are they isolated projects or is there some synergy to be gained), and the proposal needs to put the projects within the greater watershed context.