

# Final Selection Panel Review

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Biotechnical Streambank Stabilization, Assessment and Demonstration on the Lower Merced River

East Merced Resource Conservation District,

***Applicant amount requested: \$1,035,430***

***Fund This Amount: \$0***

The selection panel recommendation is to not fund the proposal. Although the proposal has merits from an engineering standpoint, it has a weak nexus to the agricultural lands and therefore, is not as responsive to this solicitation as other proposals.

The proposal does not specify that the streambank stabilization project has specific connectivity to agricultural lands. The proposal includes only one demonstration site, and would have benefited from including a number of sites representing, for example, different sediment types. It is not clear if the applicant has engaged the agricultural community, which is essential to ensuring their participation. Furthermore, the proposal does not do a good job of demonstrating the likelihood of success (i.e., it is unclear if the farmers would express interest in participating). The monitoring plan would not be developed until after the project has been funded.