

Final Selection Panel Review

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Gauging the Benefits of Riparian Restoration/Enhancement in a Working
Agricultural Landscape

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District

Applicant amount requested: \$1,174,003

Fund This Amount: \$0

This project on Mokelumne River had lots of interesting components but didn't hold together well to provide clear outcomes. There was a question on how broadly applicable the outcome of these tasks would be throughout the state agricultural community. The project could develop some baseline protocols that may be useful but they needed more work. Some felt the agriculture nexus could be strengthened. The panel was supportive of many components of this project. There was support for Safe Harbor work. Agencies are encouraged to continue to look at this aspect. Also, if the applicant could develop some of the concepts to a greater extent, the project has the potential to be more widely applicable (e.g. to other grower groups). This proposed project, however, is not in a priority geographic area. Further, the Panel found that there were many outstanding technical issues and could not recommend it for funding.