Coho Salmon/Steelhead Specialist Technical Review

Fisheries Restoration Grants Program

Proposal#: PD 169 **Region: 1** **Date: July 17, 2013**

Proposal Name: Stanshaw Creek Water Conservation Assessment

Reviewer: C. Bean

	Yes	Maybe	No
1. The proposal as written addresses the identified Recovery Task and can accomplish the Task in part or in whole.	0	-0.5	DNF

Task: SONCC-MKR.3.1.15.1 Assess diversion impact and develop a program to increase flow during low flow periods

Explanation (how the result was determined**):**

This proposal is to create physical design alternatives and projects (65% level) that address the inter-basin transfer, gauging, and efficiency of the Marble Mtn Ranch water system. Design alternatives will be based on flow amount from independent pre-14 water right opinion that is currently unavailable.

Yreka Fisheries is very supportive of finding a solution to the issues with the Marble Mountain Ranch Stanshaw Creek diversion.

The ultimate resolution of the design issues at this site will depend on the resolution to the water right dispute. Currently a water rights analysis is being conducted. It is unknown whether or not there will still be disagreement about the water right after the analysis is completed. It is my opinion that the SWRCB will need to provide documentation regarding the ultimate quantity of water that the Coles can divert prior to entering into a contract for the design project. What is the earliest possible date that we can expect resolution?

The coho task identified requires an assessment of the impact of the diversion. This is not proposed in the application. An analysis of the impact of the diversion is documented in correspondence between CDFW and SWRCB regarding the water right. There is agreement among interested parties that any project implemented on this property with Fisheries Grant funding would be specifically for the purpose of leaving more water in the creek.

This proposal may meet the recovery task requirements if there is agreement among the stakeholders, including SWRCB, as to the volume of the water right.