Final Selection Panel Review

0073 SANDHILL CRANE USE OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS IN THE SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA REGION US Geological Survey Applicant amount requested: \$493,033 Fund This Amount: \$493,033

This proposal is responsive to the PSP. It is well written and the project area is centered in sandhill crane habitat. Significant opportunity exists with this project to determine sandhill crane utilization of land purchased by the ERP. Recommendations coming from this project should prove to be practical for land managers. The panel felt that this project should be funded as long as the proponents meet the following conditions (1): provide a more detailed budget; (2) include pre-project contact with landowners, and (3) strengthen the linkage to changing agricultural practices.