Final Selection Panel Review

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Scaling up riparian restoration; generating more cost-effective protocols

Davis, California University of

Applicant amount requested: \$101,220

Fund This Amount: \$0

This proposal was well put together, and had good experimental design. However, the selection panel felt this was a poor fit for this PSP. The information generated would be interesting, but does not clearly involve integrating ecosystem restoration with agricultural practices. The panel felt that the decrease in the cost of seeding would not guarantee that farmers would initiate restoration activities. The economic analysis was inadequate because it did not include an evaluation of increased costs due to burning for site preparation; burning as a part of the protocol for using seeds could "blow" the cost savings of seeding over container–based planting.