## Supporting Information

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Fig. S1. Amino acid sequence alignments of known AcsF proteins. Sequences are those from Rvi. gelatinosus (AcsF), Synechocystis (Cycl), C. reinhardtii (CRD1), A. thaliana (CHL27), and Rba. sphaeroides (Rsp_0294; abbreviated as 0294). Conserved, highly similar, and similar residues are highlighted in black, dark gray, and light gray, respectively. The putative diiron center ligands are marked by red diamonds.


Fig. S2. Genetic knockouts and replacements in Rvi. gelatinosus. (A) Depiction of the deletion of bchE (Left), confirmed by colony PCR (Right). (B) Depiction of deletion of $a c s F$, and subsequent integration of foreign genes at the acsF locus, under control of the native promoter (Upper), confirmed by colony PCR (Lower). The regions subjected to genetic manipulation are depicted in proportion to the scale bar. ORFs are represented as colored filled rectangles, within which the arrow indicates the direction of transcription. Crt, carotenoid biosynthesis; RC\&LHC, reaction center and light-harvesting complexes.


Fig. S3. Deletion of rsp_6110 in Rba. sphaeroides. Diagram depicting deletion of rsp_6110 (Left), and confirmation by colony PCR (Right).


Fig. S4. Construction and phenotypic analysis of Rvi. gelatinosus mutant expressing bciE and acsF from Rba. sphaeroides. (A) Diagram depicting integration of bciE and acsF from Rba. sphaeroides in place of the native acsF in Rvi. gelatinosus (Upper), and confirmation by colony PCR (Lower). (B) HPLC analysis of pigments extracted from Rvi. gelatinosus strains, extracted from the same number of cells of each strain except for the $\Delta b c h E$ strain, which had a much greater BChl a content compared with the other strains. (Inset) Retention times and Soret/ $\mathrm{Q}_{\mathrm{y}}$ maxima of peaks were used to identify BChl a.klj.


Fig. S5. Current status of known components of the oxygen-dependent cyclase. AcsF ${ }^{\alpha}$, AcsF ${ }^{\text {Anox }}$, and AcsF ${ }^{0 x}$ represent AcsF proteins from Alphaproteobacteria, anoxygenic phototrophs other than the Alphaproteobacteria, and oxygenic phototrophs, respectively. $\mathrm{e}^{-}$denotes the electron donor to the diiron center of AcsF.

Table S2. Strains and plasmids described in this study

| Strain/plasmid | Genotype/characteristics | Source |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| E. coli |  |  |
| JM109 | Cloning strain for plasmid constructs | Promega |
| S17-1 | Conjugation strain for pK18mobsacB constructs | (48) |
| Rvi. gelatinosus |  |  |
| WT | IL144 | S. Nagashima* |
| $\Delta b c h E$ | Unmarked deletion mutant of bchE in WT | This study |
| $\Delta b c h E \Delta a c s F$ | Unmarked deletion mutant of acsF in $\triangle b c h E$ | This study |
| $\Delta b c h E \Delta a c s F:: a c s F^{\text {Rs }}$ | acsf ${ }^{R s}$ replacement of acsF in $\triangle$ bchE | This study |
| $\Delta b c h E \Delta a c s F:: b c i E-a c s F^{\text {RS }}$ | acsF replaced with rsp_6110-acs ${ }^{R s}$ in $\Delta$ bchE | This study |
| $\Delta b c h E \Delta a c s F:: c y c l$ | cycl replacement of acsF in $\triangle b c h E$ | This study |
| $\Delta b c h E \Delta a c s F:: c y c l-y c f 54$ | cycl-ycf54 replacement of acsF in $\Delta b c h E$ | This study |
| Synechocystis |  |  |
| WT | sp. PCC6803 | R. Sobotka ${ }^{+}$ |
| acsf ${ }^{\text {Rg+ }}$ | acs ${ }^{R g}$ and $K m^{R}$ replacement of psbAll in WT | This study |
| acsF ${ }^{\text {Rg+ }}$ - $\Delta$ cycl | $\mathrm{Cm}^{R}$ replacement of cycl in acsf ${ }^{\mathrm{Rg}+}$ | This study |
| acsf ${ }^{\text {Rg+ }}$ - $\mathrm{cyc} 1 \Delta y c f 54$ | Zeo ${ }^{R}$ replacement of central portion of ycf54 in acsf ${ }^{R g+} \Delta c y c l$ | This study |
| $\Delta y c f 54$ | Zeo ${ }^{R}$ replacement of central portion of ycf54 in WT | (22) |
| Rba. sphaeroides |  |  |
| WT | 2.4.1 | S. Kaplan ${ }^{\ddagger}$ |
| $\Delta b c h E \Delta c c o P$ | Unmarked deletion mutant of bchE and ccoP in WT | (15) |
| $\Delta b c h E \Delta c c o P \Delta a c s F$ | Unmarked deletion mutant of acsF in $\triangle b c h E \Delta c c o P$ | (15) |
| $\Delta b c h E \Delta c c o P \Delta 6110$ | Unmarked deletion mutant of rsp_6110 in $\Delta$ bchEstccoP | This study |
| Plasmids |  |  |
| pK18mobsacB | Allelic exchange vector, $K m^{R}$ | J. Armitage ${ }^{\text {§ }}$ |
| pK18 ${ }^{\text {b }}$ chE $E^{\text {Rg }}$ | Upstream-Ndel-downstream of bchE ${ }^{\text {Rg }}$ cloned into BamHI/Hindlll sites of pK18mobsacB | This study |
| pK184acsf ${ }^{\text {Rg }}$ | Upstream-Ndel-downstream of acsf ${ }^{R g}$ cloned into BamHI/Hindill sites of pK18mobsacB | This study |
| pK1846110 | Upstream-downstream of rsp_6110 cloned into Xbal/Hindlll sites of pK18mobsacB | This study |
| pK18[acsf $\left.{ }^{\text {Rs }}\right]$ | acsf ${ }^{R s}$ cloned into the Ndel site of pK184acsF ${ }^{R g}$ | This study |
| pK18[6110-acsf ${ }^{\text {Rs }}$ ] | rsp_6110-acsf ${ }^{R s}$ cloned into the Ndel site of pK184acsf ${ }^{R g}$ | This study |
| pK18[cycl] | cycl cloned into the Ndel site of pK184acsi ${ }^{\text {Rg }}$ | This study |
| pK18[cycl-ycf54] | cycl-ycf54 cloned into the Ndel site of pK18土acsf ${ }^{\text {Rg }}$ | This study |
| pPD-FLAG | Cloning site, $K m^{R}$, flanked by psbAll upstream and downstream regions, Amp ${ }^{R}$ | (21) |
| pPD[acsf ${ }^{R g}$ ] | acsf ${ }^{R g}$ cloned into Ndel/Bg/l/ sites of pPD-FLAG | This study |
| pBBRBB-Ppuf ${ }_{843-1200}$ | Expression vector carrying the 843-1,200 region of puf promoter of Rba. sphaeroides, $\mathrm{Km}^{\text {R }}$ | (27) |
| pBB[6110] | rsp_6110 cloned into the BgIII/Notl/ sites of pBBRBB-Ppuf ${ }_{843-1200}$ | This study |

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Table S3. Primers used in this study
Primer
Sequence (5'-3')

| 6110UpF | GCTCTAGAGGAGCTGATCCCGCCCTTCC |
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| 6110UpR | GGAGAGCCCTCCGGCCGGCGCGTTCATGGGGGTTCCCTTCTCTTGG |
| 6110DownF | CCAAGAGAAGGGAACCCCCATGAACGCGCCGGCCGGAGGGCTCTCC |
| 6110DownR | GCAAGCTTCCCAGGTTCACCGCCACGCC |
| 6110CheckF | GCCCCGGAGCGACAAGGAC |
| 6110CheckR | GTATTTCTTGGCCTTGGTCAGG |
| 6110F_Ndel | GGCAGATCTATGGGTCTGTTCACGAAACAAGCGGAA |
| 6110F_BglII | TCTGCGGCCGCTCACAGCGTCACCTGCTCGGAGAA |
| 6110R_Notl | CCAGTACATATGTGAACGCGCCGGCCGGAGG |
| 0294F_Ndel | CTAGTACATATGTCAATAGCTCGGCTCCAGTCGG |
| 0294R_Ndel | CTAGGTCAAGTACATATGGGAAACGGCTCCTCGCGATTC |
| 45840UpF | CTAGGTCAAGTACATATGCGACGGCTGGGTCACGATGC |
| 45840UpR | CTAGGTCAAGTAAAGCTTTGCCGGTGTAGAAGTCGCACGC |
| 45840DownF | GAGCCGCCGACCATGCCGA |
| 45840DownR | GAGTGCACCAGCACCGTGA |
| 45840CheckF | GAGTCTCATATGGAGGGTCTCCGTGGTGTGTCA |
| 45840CheckR | GAGTCTCATATGAAGCGAGGACAGGATGCTGAGC |
| 33550UpF | GAGTCTAAGCTTGGAACTCCTCGCTCAGGTTGCG |
| 33550UpR | GAACGTTTGCCGGACACGGT |
| 33550DownF | ACGAGGTACTTCAGGTGCTCC |
| 33550DownR | GAGTCTCATATGCTCGCGACCCCGACGATCG |
| 33550CheckF | GAGTCTGGATCCTCACCATGCCGGGGCCATG |
| 33550CheckR | GCCGATCCGGTTAACCTAGGCA |
| 33550F_Ndel | GTAGTCTCATATGCTAATCCAGGGATGCAAGGGG |
| 33550R_BamHI | GTATCCAGTGATTTTTTTCTCCATAGAGTTGTTTAAAATAGTTTCC |
| 1214UpF | GGAAACTATTTTAAACAACTCTATGGAGAAAAAAATCACTGGATAT |
| 1214UpR | GGTGATCCAGCGGAAGACAACCTTACGCCCCGCCCTGC |
| 1214UpCmF | GCAGGGCGGGGCGTAAGGTTGTCTTCCGCTGGATCACC |
| 1214DownCmR | GGGAGTTGTTGGGAGAGTTCGGTC |
| 1214DownF | GTTGATTCCATATGGTTAATACCCTCGAAAAGCCCG |
| 1214DownR |  |

