**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

# Application Ranking Summary

## 2014 EQIP Tribal Projects

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| **Program:** | **Ranking Date:** | **Application Number:** |
| **Ranking Tool:2014 EQIP** Tribal Projects | | **Applicant:** |
| **Final Ranking Score:** | | **Address:** |
| **Planner:** | | **Telephone:** |
| **Farm Location:** | | |

**National Priorities Addressed**

| Issue Questions | Responses |
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| If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category. | |
| ~~1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.~~ | ~~Yes O or~~ No O |
| Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to: | |
| 2. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures? | Yes O or No O |
| 2. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)? | Yes O or No O |
| 2. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"? | Yes O or No O |
| Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer implement conservation practices which: | |
| 3. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft? | Yes O or No O |
| 3. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses? | Yes O or No O |
| 3. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project? | Yes O or No O |
| Clean Air: Treatment of air quality from agricultural sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which: | |
| ~~4. a. Meet on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?~~ | ~~Yes O or~~ No O |
| ~~4. b. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO2 (Carbon Dioxide), CH4 (Methane), and N2O (Nitrous Oxide)?~~ | ~~Yes O or~~ No O |
| ~~4. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?~~ | ~~Yes O or~~ No O |
| Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which: | |
| 5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")? | Yes O or No O |
| 5. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.? | Yes O or No O |
| Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which: | |
| 6. a. Benefit on-farm habitat associated with threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan? | Yes O or No O |
| 6. b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)? | Yes O or No O |
| High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project assist the producer implement practices which: | |

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| 7. a. Help manage or control noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland? | Yes O or No O |
| 7. b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species? | Yes O or No O |
| 7. c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses? | Yes O or No O |
| 7. d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan? | Yes O or No O |
| 7. e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan? | Yes O or No O |
| ~~7. f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management?~~ | ~~Yes O or~~ No O |
| Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which: | |
| ~~8. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?~~ | ~~Yes O or~~ No O |
| ~~8. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with practices and improvements identified in an approved energy audit equivalent to criteria required in Ag EMP?~~ | ~~Yes O or~~ No O |
| ~~8. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants?~~ | ~~Yes O or~~ No O |
| Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in: | |
| 9. a. Implementation of all conservation practices scheduled in the contract on the CPA-1155 within three years of date of obligation? | Yes O or No O |
| 9. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted? | Yes O or No O |
| 9. c. Implementation of practice(s) which will complete an existing conservation system or suite of practices? | Yes O or No O |

**State Issues Addressed**

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| If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1 will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the state priority category. | |
| ~~1. a Is the program application for development of a TSP prepared Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other state level questions and award 400 points. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.~~ | ~~Yes O or~~ No O |
| IF APPLICABLE for this application: Answer EITHER 2a OR 2b, but NOT both [Abbreviation Legend: ESA=Endangered Species Act; F= Forestry; P= Pasture; QC=Quality Criteria; T and E= Threatened and Endangered;W=Wildlife]: | |
| 2. a SOIL – EROSION - Sheet and rill erosion (not F, W) is not at the QC at the benchmark condition but will be with proposed action? 25 points | Yes O or No O |
| 2. b SOIL – EROSION - Sheet and rill erosion (not F, W) is not at the QC at the benchmark condition but will be reduced with proposed action? 3 points | Yes O or No O |
| Answer ranking elements 3-22 as applicable for this application: | |
| 3. SOIL – EROSION - Ephemeral gully erosion is not at the QC at the benchmark condition but will be with proposed action? 15 points | Yes O or No O |
| 4. SOIL – EROSION - Classic gully erosion is not at the QC at the benchmark condition but will be with proposed action? 25 points | Yes O or No O |
| 5. SOIL – EROSION - Streambank or Shoreline erosion is not at the QC at the benchmark condition but will be with proposed action? 15 points | Yes O or No O |
| 6. Road or roadside erosion will be addresed with proposed action? 10 points | Yes O or No O |
| 7. SOIL QUALITY DEGRADATION – Organic matter depletion is not at the QC at the benchmark condition but will be with proposed action? 15 points | Yes O or No O |
| 8. SOIL QUALITY DEGRADATION – Compaction (not W) is not at the QC at the benchmark condition but will be with proposed action? 10 points | Yes O or No O |
| 9. SOIL QUALITY DEGRADATION– Concentration of chemicals (residual pesticides) are not at the QC at the benchmark condition but will be with proposed action? 10 points | Yes O or No O |

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| 10. Inadequate outlets will be addressed with proposed action? 10 points | Yes O or No O |
| 11. Reduced storage of water bodies by sediment accumulation will be addressed with proposed action? 10 points | Yes O or No O |
| 12. WATER QUALITY – Excessive nutrients in groundwater (not F, W) - not at the QC at the benchmark condition but will be with proposed action? 10 points | Yes O or No O |
| 13. WATER QUALITY – Excessive nutrients in surface water (not F) - not at the QC at the benchmark condition but will be with proposed action? 25 points | Yes O or No O |
| 14. WATER QUALITY – Harmful levels of pathogens in groundwater (not F, W) - not at the QC at the benchmark condition but will be with proposed action? 10 points | Yes O or No O |
| 15. WATER QUALITY – Harmful levels of pathogens in surface water (not F) - not at the QC at the benchmark condition but will be with proposed action? 10 points | Yes O or No O |
| 16. WATER QUALITY – Harmful levels of pesticides in ground water - not at the QC at the benchmark condition but will be with proposed action? 10 points | Yes O or No O |
| 17. WATER QUALITY – Harmful levels of pesticides in surface water - not at the QC at the benchmark condition but will be with proposed action? 10 points | Yes O or No O |
| 18. WATER QUALITY – Excessive suspended sediment in surface water - not at the QC at the benchmark condition but will be with proposed action? 25 points | Yes O or No O |
| 19. WATER QUALITY – Harmful temperatures of surface water - not at the QC at the benchmark condition but will be with proposed action? 10 points | Yes O or No O |
| 20. AIR QUALITY – Objectionable odors (not F, W) - not at the QC at the benchmark condition but will be with proposed action? 10 points | Yes O or No O |
| 21. AIR QUALITY – Emissions of Particulate Matter (reduced visibility)- not at the QC at the benchmark condition but will be with proposed action? 10 points | Yes O or No O |
| 22. Fish and Wildlife - T and E species: Habitat for fish and wildlife species listed or proposed for listing under FEDERAL or STATE ESA will be improved/enhanced with proposed action? 25 points | Yes O or No O |

**Local Issues Addressed**

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| If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1 will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the local priority category. | |
| ~~1. Is the program application for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for a TSP prepared Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition (138)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other local level questions and award 250 points. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.~~ | ~~Yes O or~~ No O |
| If application is NOT for a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), proceed with evaluation to answer these questions. Answer ONLY ONE of 2a or 2b: | |
| 2. a. EQIP plan schedule of operations provides for implementation of all funded practices within two years or less. 10 points | Yes O or No O |
| 2. b. EQIP plan schedule of operations provides for implementation of all funded practices within three years. 5 points | Yes O or No O |
| 3. Soil Condition: EQIP plan includes implementation of practice 590-Nutrient Management to FOTG quality criteria for management of soil fertility, plant nutrients, and soil amendments. 40 points | Yes O or No O |
| 4. Soil Erosion: EQIP plan includes practices which will result in measurable reduction of erosion from ALL sources OR participant has already addressed all erosion problems to FOTG quality criteria standards. 40 points | Yes O or No O |
| 5. Water Quality: EQIP plan includes practices that will result in reduction of non-point source pollution (e.g., nutrients, pesticides, sediment) leaving the treatment unit to FOTG quality criteria standards. 40 points | Yes O or No O |
| 6. Water Quality: EQIP plan includes practices that will manage excess surface water discharge from the treatment unit to an impaired water body (e.g. EPA 303d list, etc.) to FOTG quality criteria standards. 40 points | Yes O or No O |

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| 7. Plant Condition: EQIP plan includes practices which will result in management of vegetation and surface residues to FOTG quality criteria standards. 40 points | Yes O or No O |
| 8. Domestic Animals: EQIP plan includes implementation of practices to assure adequate clean off-stream domestic livestock drinking water sources are available in the treatment unit and meets FOTG quality criteria standards. 40 points | Yes O or No O |

**Land Use:**

| Resource Concerns | Practices |
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**Ranking Score**

Efficiency:

Local Issues:

State Issues:

National Issues:

**Final Ranking Score:**

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

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| **NRCS Representative:**<br><br>**Signature Date:** | **Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:**<br><br>**Signature Date:** |