

<b>ACEP-WRE</b>
<b>CA Farm Bill Ranking Worksheet FY2025</b>
<b>PROGRAM PRIORITIES QUESTIONS (to be included in CART Ranking)</b>
<b>COST EFFECTIVENESS</b>
<b>1. Restoration Cost Effectiveness</b>
Average WRPO restoration cost is less than \$2000/acre.
Average WRPO restoration cost is \$2000-\$4000/acre.
Average WRPO restoration cost is greater than \$4000/acre.
<b>2. Partnership Points for Restoration</b>
Landowner or other conservation partner will contribute 75% or greater cost-share to the WRPO restoration.
Landowner or other conservation partner will contribute 50% cost-share to the WRPO restoration.
Landowner or other conservation partner will contribute 25% cost-share to the WRPO restoration.
Not Applicable
<b>3. Partnership Points for Easement Acquisition</b>
Landowner is willing to contribute 50% of per-acre easement cost.
Landowner is willing to contribute 40% of per-acre easement cost.
Landowner is willing to contribute 30% of per-acre easement cost.
Landowner is willing to contribute 20% of per-acre easement cost.
Landowner is willing to contribute 10% of per-acre easement cost.
Not applicable
<b>EXTENT TO WHICH ACEP-WRE PURPOSES ARE ACHIEVED</b>
<b>4. Extent to Which ACEP-WRE Purposes are Acheived</b>
High probability of restoring wetland functions and values that benefits migratory birds and other wetland-dependent wildlife on at least 50% of the offering.
High probability of restoring wetland functions and values that benefits migratory birds and other wetland-dependent wildlife on 25-50% of the offering.
High probability of restoring wetland functions and values that benefits migratory birds and other wetland-dependent wildlife on <25% of the offering.
<b>PRODUCTIVITY OF OFFERED LAND</b>
<b>5. What amount of the land offering is classified as prime, unique, statewide or locally important farmland?</b>
0-25%
26-50%
51-75%
76-100%
<b>ON-FARM OR OFF-FARM ENVIROMENTAL THREATS</b>

**6. Are current production practices on the offered land creating on-site or off-site environmental impacts (e.g. sedimentation, pesticide drift, water quality impacts) that could be alleviated by easement acquisition and restoration?**

Yes

No

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**7. Landowner of proposed easement area is a historically underserved participant by NRCS defined criteria and self-certified on the NRCS-CPA-41A parcel application as a: limited resource farmer or rancher, socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher, or veteran farmer or rancher.**

Yes

No

**RESOURCE PRIORITIES QUESTIONS**

**RESTORATION BENEFITS TO MIGRATORY BIRDS & WETLAND-DEPENDENT WILDLIFE**

**7. Will the restoration project restore a diversity of habitat that benefits the full life-cycle needs of migratory birds and other wetland-dependent wildlife?**

Project will restore wetlands, grasslands, AND riparian habitat and benefit the FULL life-cycle needs of migratory birds and other wetland-dependent wildlife, including providing summer water.

Project will restore wetlands, grasslands, OR riparian habitat and meet MOST of the life-cycle needs of migratory birds and other wetland-dependent wildlife.

**THREATENED & ENDANGERED SPECIES USE OF PROTECTED & RESTORED HABITATS**

**8. Threatened & Endangered Species Use of Protected & Restored Habitats**

Protection and restoration activities are specifically focused on the recovery of 5 or more listed State or Federal T & E species.

Protection and restoration activities are specifically focused on the recovery of 4 listed State or Federal T & E species.

Protection and restoration activities are specifically focused on the recovery of 3 listed State or Federal T & E species.

Protection and restoration activities are specifically focused on the recovery of 2 listed State or Federal T & E species.

Protection and restoration activities are specifically focused on the recovery of 1 listed State or Federal T & E species.

Protection and restoration activities are not specifically focused on the recovery of State or Federal T & E species.

**9. At-risk Species Use of Protected & Restored Habitats**

*Note: Only consider State Species of Special Concern & Proposed/Candidates for T & E listing.*

Protection and restoration activities are specifically focused on the recovery of more than 10 at-risk species.

Protection and restoration activities are specifically focused on the recovery of 6-10 at-risk species.

Protection and restoration activities are specifically focused on the recovery of 4-5 at-risk species.
Protection and restoration activities are specifically focused on the recovery of 2-3 at-risk species.
Protection and restoration activities are specifically focused on the recovery of 1 at-risk species.
Protection and restoration activities are not specifically focused on the recovery of at-risk species.
<b>PROTECTION &amp; RESTORATION OF NATIVE PLANT COMMUNITIES</b>
<i>Note: Only consider special status plants, or plants that directly meet the life cycle needs of at-risk wildlife (e.g. native milkweeds/monarch butterfly, elderberry/VELB, etc.).</i>
<b>10. Will the project protect or restore rare or unique native plants that are considered at-risk or serve to meet the life-cycle needs of at-risk wildlife?</b>
Restoration will specifically protect and restore rare or unique native plants that are at-risk or serve to meet the life-cycle needs of at-risk wildlife.
Restoration will include native plants, but won't specifically focus on at-risk plants or wildlife.
Not applicable.
<b>HABITAT COMPLEXITY TO BE RESTORED</b>
<i>Note: Choose the predominant wetland habitat type to be restored. Only consider habitat elements that were historically present in the wetland type.</i>
<b>11. Habitat Complexity to be Restored.</b>
Forested Wetland: All habitat elements to be restored (choose from open water, submergents, trees/shrubs, associated uplands).
Forested Wetland: All but 1 habitat element to be restored (choose from open water, submergents, trees/shrubs, associated uplands).
Forested Wetland: All but 2 habitat elements to be restored (choose from open water, submergents, trees/shrubs, associated uplands).
Seasonal Herbaceous Wetland: All habitat elements to be restored (choose from mud flat, open water, emergents, trees/shrubs, associated uplands).
Seasonal Herbaceous Wetland: All but 1 habitat element to be restored (choose from mud flat, open water, emergents, trees/shrubs, associated uplands).
Seasonal Herbaceous Wetland: All but 2 habitat elements to be restored (choose from mud flat, open water, emergents, trees/shrubs, associated uplands).
Semi-Permanent Herbaceous Wetland: All habitat elements to be restored (choose from mud flat, open water, submergents, trees/shrubs, associated uplands).
Semi-Permanent Herbaceous Wetland: All but 1 habitat element to be restored (choose from mud flat, open water, submergents, trees/shrubs, associated uplands).
Semi-Permanent Herbaceous Wetland: All but 2 habitat elements to be restored (choose from mud flat, open water, submergents, trees/shrubs, associated uplands).
Coastal/Tidal Wetland: All habitat elements to be restored (choose from mud flat, open water, submergents, emergents, trees/shrubs, associated uplands).
Coastal/Tidal Wetland: All but 1 habitat element to be restored (choose from mud flat, open water, submergents, emergents, trees/shrubs, associated uplands).
Coastal/Tidal Wetland: All but 2 habitat elements to be restored (choose from mud flat, open water, submergents, emergents, trees/shrubs, associated uplands).

Vernal Pool Wetland: All habitat elements to be restored (choose from mud flat, submergents, associated uplands).

Vernal Pool Wetland: All but 1 habitat element to be restored (choose from mud flat, submergents, associated uplands).

Vernal Pool Wetland: All but 2 habitat elements to be restored (choose from mud flat, submergents, associated uplands).

**PROXIMITY & CONNECTIVITY TO PROTECTED AREAS**

**12. Proximity & Connectivity to Protected Areas**

Land is adjacent to an existing conservation easement, refuge, or other protected area.

Land is within less than a 1/2 mile of an existing conservation easement, refuge, or other protected area.

Land is between a 1/2 mile to 1 mile of an existing conservation easement, refuge, or other protected area.

Land is further than 1 mile from an existing conservation easement, refuge, or other protected area.

**EXTENT OF BENEFICIAL ADJACENT LAND USES**

**13. Extent of Beneficial Adjacent Land Uses**

*Note: wildlife-friendly habitat types (beneficial land uses) are defined as grasslands, woodlands, brush scrublands, wetlands, rice, irrigated pasture, or riparian.*

Land is adjacent to wildlife-friendly habitat of three or more types, or wetlands making up >75% of adjacent land use.

Land is adjacent to wildlife-friendly habitat of two types, or wetlands making up >50% of adjacent land use.

Land is adjacent to wildlife-friendly habitat of one type, or wetlands making up >25% of adjacent land use.

Land is adjacent to wildlife-friendly habitat of one type, or wetlands making up <25% of adjacent land use.

Land is not adjacent to wildlife-friendly habitat or wetlands.

**EXTENT OF WETLAND LOSS**

**14. Will the project protect and restore a wetland habitat type that has experienced a disproportionately higher rate of loss in California, such as a vernal pool, riparian habitat, or coastal wetland?**

Yes

No

**WATER QUALITY**

**15. Will the restored wetland have the potential to filter pollutants or sediments from floodwaters or agricultural return flows?**

Yes

No

**WATER QUANTITY**

**16. Will the restored wetland have the potential to increase water storage or contribute to groundwater recharge through attenuation of floodwaters?**

Yes
No
<b>PROXIMITY TO IMPAIRED WATER BODIES</b>
<b>17. Is the land offered for enrollment within or adjacent to an impaired water body identified on the Clean Water Act 303(d) list for California?</b>
Yes
No
<b>CARBON SEQUESTRATION</b>
<b>18. Will the restoration result in a significant land use change that restores carbon sequestering native plants such as trees, shrubs, sedges, and grasses?</b>
Project restores cropland to wetland habitat.
Project restores pasture or rangeland to wetland habitat.
Project enhances existing, but degraded wetland habitat.
<b>CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCY</b>
<b>19. Will the restoration provide benefits to urban or agricultural areas by reducing storm surge through floodwater attenuation or by creating space for wetland migration in coastal areas threatened by sea level rise?</b>
Yes
No
<b>HYDROLOGY RESTORATION POTENTIAL (Must be 50% of Resource Points)</b>
<b>20. Amount of Wetland Restoration</b>
Restored wetland acres will be greater than or equal to 75% of offered acres.
Restored wetland acres will be less than 75% of offered acres.
<b>21. Extent of Hydrology Restoration</b>
Hydrology Functions Absent (high): Land has significant hydrologic modifications and the restoration of hydrology will result in a significant increase in wetland functions and values.
Hydrology Functions Degraded (moderate): Land has moderate hydrologic modifications and the restoration of hydrology will result in a moderate increase in wetland functions and values.
Hydrology Functions Degraded (minor): Land has minor hydrologic modifications and the restoration of hydrology will result in a minor increase in wetland functions and values.
<b>22. Reliability of Hydrology Restoration</b>
Natural hydrology can be passively restored and is not dependent managed water supplies.
Hydrology is partially dependent on existing managed water supplies and water rights.
Hydrology is entirely dependent on existing managed water supplies and water rights.
<b>PHYSICAL SITE CHARACTERISTICS</b>
<i>Note: Refer to soil survey data to make determinations.</i>
<b>23. Flooding Potential: Temporary Indundation by Flowing Water</b>
Frequent flooding potential (>50 events in 100 years) OR high water table (0-12") OR high density vernal pool complexes with intact hardpan.

Occasional flooding (5-50 events in 100 years) OR medium to high density vernal complexes within the offer.

Rare (1-5 events in 100 years) or no flooding potential OR low density vernal complexes within the offer.

None.

**24. Drainage Class (Determined by Permeability)**

Very Slow.

Slow.

Moderate.

Moderately Rapid.

Excessive.

**25. Saturation (Depth to Water Table)**

0 to 1 foot.

2 to 3 feet.

Greater than 3 feet.

**SIZE OF EASEMENT ENROLLMENT**

**26. What is the size of land offered for ACEP-WRE enrollment?**

Greater than or equal to 100 acres.

Less than 100 acres.