

Fiscal Year:

Cooperating Entity:

Landowner Name:

County:

Evaluator Name:

Evaluation Date:

Parcel Acres:

National Ranking Criteria: Program Points**Question 1 Guidance: Only answer 1A or 1B, not both. Applicable question refer to CPA 41A-Question #5 Land****1a. Percentage of prime, unique, statewide or soils of local importance that would be protected on the parcel. ***

***Add up acres in prime soil, unique soil, statewide important soil, locally important soil, and divide by the total parcel acres. Convert that decimal to a percentage. Only count acres once. Locally Important soils must be supported by County Board of Supervisors resolution as identified by the CA Dept. of Conservation's Farmland of Local Importance definition. Reference either USDA soil survey or CA DOC FMMP layer, identify data source. Do not answer for ALE-Grazing Uses applications.*

Total Parcel acres:

(only count acres once)

Prime Soils

Unique Soils

Statewide Important Soils

Locally Important Soils*

TOTAL

Acres	%
	0
	0
	0
	0
0	0%

ANSWER SELECTIONS
>90-100%
>80-90%
>70-80%
>60-70%
>50-60%
0-50%

1b. Percentage of range land, grazing land that would be protected on the parcel.**

****Add up acres in grazed rangeland/grassland and divide by the total parcel acres. Convert that decimal to a percentage. Only count acres once. Justification required: land use map and statement supporting grazing uses on the property.**

Total Parcel acres:

	Acres	%	ANSWER SELECTIONS
Grazing Land		0	>90-100%
			>80-90%
			>70-80%
			>60-70%
			>50-60%
TOTAL	0	0%	0-50%

2. Percentage of cropland, rangeland, grassland, pastureland on the parcel. Ag land only, do not include building envelopes, farmstead, developed land, or associated non-ag lands. Justification required: land use map including legend & statement.

Total Parcel acres:

	ANSWER SELECTIONS
Cropland	91-100%
Pastureland	81-90%
Rangeland/Grassland	66-80%
TOTAL	51-65%
	34-50%
	0-33%

3. Ratio of the total parcel size to be protected versus the average farm size in the county.

(www.agcensus.usda.gov)

Divide the parcel size by the average parcel size for the county. Select the answer that fits the applicant.

	ANSWER SELECTIONS-RATIO
Parcel Size	> 3
Average Farm Size for County	2 - 3
Ratio	1 - 1.9
	< 1

4. Decrease in the percentage of acreage of farm and ranch land in the county between the last two USDA Censuses of Agriculture. (www.agcensus.usda.gov)

ANSWER SELECTIONS-PERCENT CHANGE

> 15%

11-15%

6-10%

1-5%

0% or Increase

5. Decrease in the percentage of acreage of permanent grassland, pasture, and rangeland, other than cropland and woodland pasture, in the county between last two USDA censuses of Agriculture. (www.agcensus.usda.gov)

ANSWER SELECTIONS-PERCENT CHANGE

> 15%

11-15%

6-10%

1-5%

0% or Increase

6. Ratio of population growth in the county versus the statewide growth rate as documented by the most recent U.S. census. (www.census.gov)

ANSWER SELECTIONS-RATIO

> 3

2 - 3

1 - 1.9

< 1

7. Ratio of county population density (population per square mile) versus statewide population density based on the most recent U.S. census. (www.census.gov)

ANSWER SELECTIONS-RATIO

> 3

2 - 3

1 - 1.9

< 1

8. Proximity of the ALE Parcel to other protected land within 1 mile radius.

Justification (required): statement including map addressing this element. Identify protected land, acreage, and

ANSWER SELECTIONS
> 500 acres within 1 mile
251 - 500 acres within 1 mile
100 - 250 acres within 1 mile
< 100 acres within 1 mile
No protected land within 1 mile

9. Proximity of the ALE Parcel to other agriculture operations & infrastructure within 1 mile radius.

Justification (required): statement including map addressing this element.

ANSWER SELECTIONS
> 500 acres within 1 mile
251 - 500 acres within 1 mile
100 - 250 acres within 1 mile
< 100 acres within 1 mile

10. ALE Parcel ability to maximize the protection of contiguous or adjacent agricultural easements.

Justification (required): statement including map addressing this element. Identify protected land, acreage, and

ANSWER SELECTIONS
Parcel links two agricultural easements
Parcel is adjacent to an agricultural easement
Parcel is non-contiguous to an agricultural easement

11. Evidence of farm or ranch succession plan or similar plan established to address agricultural viability for future generations

Justification (required): statement addressing element, copy of plan.

ANSWER SELECTIONS
Written Plan by industry professional
Written Plan
No plan

12. Parcel is currently enrolled in a CRP contract that is set to expire within a year and is a grassland that would be protected by the easement.

ANSWER SELECTIONS
Yes
No

13. Parcel is is a grassland of special environmental significance that will benefit from the protection under the long-term easement.

Justification (required): STC reviewed & approved GSS entity- request.

ANSWER SELECTIONS
Yes
No

14. Percentage of the Fair Market Value (FMV) of the ALE easement that is the eligible entity's own cash resources contribution for easement acquisition and comes from a source other than the landowner.

Justification (required): Refer to Entity budget statement and/or ACEP-ALE Parcel Sheet: NRCS-CPA-41A Section

ANSWER SELECTIONS-%
> 75%
51-74%
50%
25-49%
<25%

State Ranking Criteria: Resource Points

1. Parcel is located in an area zoned for agricultural use with a minimum ag zoning designation.

Justification (required): statement including map addressing this element.

ANSWER SELECTIONS-ZONED
< 40 ac.
40 - 80 ac.
80 - 160 ac.
> 160 ac.

2. Number of potential legal parcels under current zoning.

Justification (required): statement addressing this element.

Size of Offering:

Current Zoning:

Potential Parcels

ANSWER SELECTIONS-# OF PARCELS

> 10

5 - 10

1 - 4

0

3. Proximity to Sphere of Influence of an incorporated city.

Justification (required): statement or map addressing this element.

ANSWER SELECTIONS

< 1/2 mile to 1 mile

1.1 to 2 miles

2 to 4 miles

> 4 miles

4. Agricultural water supply provided from more than one secured source (i.e. riparian, surface from water district, well). Multiple response may apply.

Justification (required): statement or map addressing this element.

Water source and water right (identify):

ANSWER SELECTIONS

Yes

No

5. Parcel is located within a region where enrollment will help achieve localized National, State, or Regional conservation goals and objectives, or enhance existing government or private conservation projects. Additional points if project has secured funding through localized conservation project (Do not include a general plan citation unless it specifically identifies the area of the easement for agricultural conservation).

Justification (required): statement including plan addressing this element.

Name of Plan:

ANSWER SELECTIONS
Located within area that will achieve localized conservation projects AND has secured associated funding
Located within area that will achieve localized conservation projects
Not within local conservation priority areas and not secured funding

6. Cooperating Entity has a strategic farmland protection plan with specific agricultural focal areas identified.

Justification (required): statement including map addressing this element.

ANSWER SELECTIONS
Yes
No

7. Unique multifunctional project benefits. Multiple response may apply.

Justification (required): statement addressing this element.

ANSWER SELECTIONS
Social (identify):
Economic (identify):
Climate Change Resiliency (identify):
Parcel's Access to Ag. Markets (< 5 miles)
On-site Processing Facilities for Ag. Products

8. Proposed easement area contains habitat for at-risk species and management practices on parcel are compatible with specific life-cycle needs of T&E species, as shown by best available records or data search (select highest category):

Justification (required): statement including map addressing this element. Identify at risk species:

At-risk species (Identify):

ANSWER SELECTIONS
Proposed easement area habitat supports federal or state listed threatened and endangered species
Proposed easement area habitat supports federal or state listed candidate species
Proposed easement area habitat supports State species of concern
Proposed easement area habitat supports State species of interest
No at-risk species habitat on proposed easement area

9. Lead Eligible Entity has demonstrated performance in managing and enforcing easements by monitoring 100% of its NRCS easements each year AND entity has provided information on any change in ownership to NRCS over the last (5) fiscal years. If no NRCS easements are held, entity must provide evidence of annual monitoring and ownership changes for other easements.

Justification (required): statement addressing this element and NEST report if applicable/available.

ANSWER SELECTIONS
100%
75 - 99%
< 75%

10. In the previous five (5) fiscal years, the Lead Eligible Entity has demonstrated efficiency in completing NRCS easement transactions by closing enrollments within the initial term of the Parcel Contract

ANSWER SELECTIONS
< 3 years
> 3 years

11. Letters of Support (NRCS or RCD support letters do not count).

Justification (required): copies letters of support provided by entity. Letters need to address specific parcel-project

ANSWER SELECTIONS
3 or more
2
1
0

12. Landowner has a Conservation Plan, Grazing Management Plan, Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (do not include HEL compliance plans) and is actively implementing conservation practices on the easement offering (plan documentation must be provided to NRCS) or agricultural land easement plans included by Entity deed terms that will specifically address long-term agricultural viability of the land

Name of Plan:

ANSWER SELECTIONS
Yes
No

Type of Plan:

Date of Plan:

13. Parcel contains historical or archeological resources that will be protected by the easement (cultural resource must be recognized by SHPO/NRHP, National or State Historic Register).

Justification (required): statement addressing this element.

ANSWER SELECTIONS
Yes
No

14. 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.

ANSWER SELECTIONS
10
0