

**Salton Sea Water Quality, Air Quality and Agricultural Wetlands RCPP-EQIP Fund Pool
 Fiscal Year 2018 Screening Worksheet**

A Screening Worksheet must be completed for each eligible EQIP application.

Applicant Name:		
Evaluator Name:		
Date:	Batching Number:	Application No:
<p>EQIP is a competitive financial assistance program and applications are screened and ranked based on the expected conservation benefits of planned practices in the EQIP schedule of operations. This screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible applicant applying for financial assistance. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis; however, application batching periods are established for purposes of ranking and funding decisions. A screening worksheet can be processed for each application batching period. The goal of this screening tool is to ensure that conservation technical assistance and EQIP program benefits are managed efficiently to address priority conservation needs. Completion of this worksheet and documentation does not constitute an agreement to provide EQIP program benefits nor approval of a program contract. The original screening worksheet should be filed with the applicant case file or EQIP program file and the screening priority (High or Low) must be recorded in ProTracts. Upon request, a copy of any completed screening worksheet may be provided to the applicant.</p>		
Screening Criteria Questions		Action
<p>Directions: Screening criteria questions are answered sequentially from the first question on this page until the priority is determined as either 'Low' or 'High' Priority for ranking. The screening priority is recorded at the end of all screening questions.</p>		
Applicant submitted, "Conservation Planning On Your Land", the NRCS California Planning Workbook and the workbook was the basis for developing the applicant's conservation plan.		If Yes, continue to the next question. If No, Low Priority Status in Protracts.
The applicant has reviewed and approved the EQIP schedule of operations that will be uploaded to the NRCS business tool, ProTracts, before or by the ranking deadline.		If Yes, continue to the next question. If No, Low Priority Status in Protracts.
<p>In the last two EQIP program fiscal years, the applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had a NRCS contract terminated – and/or, • Failed to implement contract items in as existing EQIP contract according to the schedule in Form, NRCS-CPA-1155, "Conservation Plan and Schedule of Operations," and the contract was modified to reschedule contract items - installation delays were not due to NRCS error or design delay – and/or, • Failed to implement rescheduled contract items agreed to according to Form, NRCS-CPA-153, "Agreement Covering Non-Compliance with Provisions of Contract," and Form, NRCS-CPA-1156, "Revision of Plan/Schedule of Operations or Modification of a Contract," – and/or, • Installed conservation practices with financial assistance from NRCS that have not been maintained according to the practice operations and maintenance for the practice lifespan. 		If Yes, Low Priority Status in Protracts. If No, continue to the next question.



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Applicant is within the Imperial Irrigation District (IID).		If Yes, continue to the next question. If No, Low Priority Status in Protracts.
Both of the following are true: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant is transitioning their operation to organic production. Applicant incorporates fallowing into their crop rotation sequence. 		If Yes, continue to Section A . If No, continue to the next question.
Applicant's land is within targeted drainages of the New River, Alamo River or the drainage areas along the Salton Sea margins.		If Yes, continue to Section B . If No, Low Priority Status in Protracts.
Section A – Organic Transition		
The EQIP schedule of operations is for CAP 138 - Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition.		If Yes, High Priority Status in Protracts. If No, continue to the next question.
The EQIP schedule of operations is for NRCS conservation practices that will assist the applicant achieve soil fertility, crop nutrient management, integrated pest management, buffers, and/or crop rotation.		If Yes, High Priority Status in Protracts. If No, Low Priority Status in Protracts.
Section B – Drainage Water Management, Wetland Habitat and Air Quality in the New and Alamo River Drainages		
The EQIP schedule of operations is for one of the following Conservation Activity Plans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 104 - Nutrient Management Plan - Written 118 - Irrigation Water Management Plan - Written 130 - Drainage Water Management Plan - Written 142 - Fish and Wildlife Habitat Plan – Written 146 - Pollinator Habitat Enhancement Plan - Written 		If Yes, High Priority Status in Protracts. If No, continue to the next question.
The EQIP schedule of operations includes NRCS conservation practices for drainage water quality management.		If Yes, High Priority Status in Protracts. If No, continue to the next question.
The EQIP schedule of operations includes NRCS conservation practices for wetland habitat.		If Yes, High Priority Status in Protracts. If No, continue to the next question.
The EQIP schedule of operations includes NRCS conservation practices for on-farm air quality improvements.		If Yes, High Priority Status in Protracts. If No, Low Priority Status in Protracts.
Application Screening Priority:		
Designated Conservationist Approval Signature:		Date Approved: