



**Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
Fiscal Year 2021 Screening Worksheet
Toppenish to Teanaway RCPP 1672 Funds**

| RCPP - EQIP Fund Codes Fiscal Year 2021 Application Screening Worksheet <u>A Screening Worksheet must be completed for each RCPP - EQIP application.</u> | |
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| Applicant Name: | Date: |
| Evaluator Name: | Application Number: 82054621 |
| Fund Pool: FY21 RCPP-EQIP | Sign-Up Number: |
| <p>RCPP-EQIP is a competitive financial assistance program and applications are screened and ranking based on the expected conservation benefits of planned practices in the schedule of operations. This screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible applicant applying for financial assistance. If participant(s) are not FSA eligible, STOP. Do not screen participant until FSA eligibility has been met.</p> <p>Applications are accepted on a continuous basis; however, application cutoff periods are established for purposes of ranking and funding decisions. A screening worksheet can be processed for each application cutoff period. The goal of this screening tool is to ensure that conservation technical assistance and program benefits are managed efficiently to address priority conservation needs. Completion of this worksheet and documentation does not constitute an agreement to provide RCPP-EQIP program benefits nor approval of a program contract. The original screening worksheet should be filed with the applicant case file or RCPP-EQIP program file and unless the application is determined to be ineligible, the screening priority (High, Medium, and Low) must be recorded in ProTracts. Upon request, a copy of any completed screening worksheet may be provided to the applicant.</p> <p>Conservation Planning Priority and/or CART Ranking will only occur on High screened applications.</p> | |
| <p>If Yes to any, <u>Low Priority</u> status in ProTracts.</p> <p>If No, continue to medium priority-based screening factors.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the last 3 EQIP program fiscal years, the applicant had a NRCS contract terminated; excludes termination at no fault to applicant 2. Has a current contract not on schedule 3. Has received an NRCS-CPA-153 on an active contract that is still out of compliance (does not include 153s as a result of NRCS error). 4. Applicant has any existing EQIP contract (active, completed, terminated), and the applicant did not meet the O&M requirements for the lifespan of the conservation practice previously funded through EQIP |



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| <p>If NO to any, Medium Priority status in ProTracts.</p> <p>If Yes to all, continue to high priority-based question.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application will address a prioritized resource concerns of RCPP 1672 in Kittitas County - Inadequate fish & wildlife habitat/Insufficient water/water quality degradation. 2. Application is located in the priority geographic area for the Yakima Integrated Plan Toppenish to Teanaway RCPP Project? 3. All practices the applicant is interested in receiving funding are eligible for financial assistance through RCPP1672. |
| <p>If Yes to any, High Priority status in ProTracts.</p> <p>If No, then continue to Resource Concern Questions below</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project includes installation of a fish screen at the water withdrawal site or project consolidates water diversions and eliminates an unscreened diversion? 2. Project includes correction of all fish passage barriers in the planning unit or serving planning unit and under control of the applicant? 3. Project establishes or enhances a 50' average width buffer on at least 70% of the stream/river in the planning unit? 4. Applicant is willing to place at least half of the water saved through conversion to a pipeline or sprinkler/drip system into the Trust Water Rights Program by donation for a period of at least 15 years? 5. Project primarily includes fencing, livestock watering facilities or associated practices intended to control and manage livestock grazing on perennial streams/ivers? 6. Project includes primarily floodplain, riparian or instream habitat improvement practices and the planning unit includes: Yakima River or Yakima River side channels; or Teanaway River (including its tributaries); or Tucker Creek, Big Creek, Little Creek, Tillman Creek, Swauk Creek, Taneum Creek, Manastash Creek; or Dry Creek, Currier Creek, Reecer Creek, Whiskey Creek, Naneum Creek, Coleman Creek, Cooke Creek, Caribou Creek and Parke Creek below their intersection of Cascade Canal; or Wilson Creek, or Mercer Creek below their intersections with Ellensburg Water Company Canal? |



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| <p style="text-align: center;">If Yes to two resource concerns listed for over 50% of the PLUs, High Priority status in ProTracts.</p> <p>If No, then continue to Resource Concern Questions below</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Is the planning unit in surface irrigation and converting to sprinkler irrigation system (442) or drip irrigation (441) to treat inefficient use of irrigation water?2. Does the tailwater from surface irrigation in this unit flow directly into a creek or canal including and downstream from the Cascade Irrigation District Canal to the Yakima River; or directly into Manastash or Sorenson Creeks, or Packwood Ditch, Westside Canal, or Fogarty Ditch?3. Is the planning unit located in the Cascade Irrigation District or Kittitas Reclamation District (North Branch Canal) service areas south of Interstate 90; or is it located in the West Side Irrigating Company or Kittitas Reclamation District (South Branch Canal) service areas south of Manastash Creek?4. If project is a surface irrigation to sprinkler or drip conversion, does more than 50% of the planning unit exceed 2% slope? |
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| <p>If Yes to three resource concerns listed for over 50% of the PLU, <u>High Priority</u> status in ProTracts.</p> <p>If No, then application is a Medium priority</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the planning unit in surface irrigation and converting to sprinkler irrigation system (442) or drip irrigation (441) to treat inefficient use of irrigation water? 2. Does the project include irrigation water management (449)? 3. Does tailwater from surface irrigation in this unit flow directly to a river, side channel, creek or canal/lateral? 4. If the project is a surface irrigation to sprinkler or drip conversion, does more than 50% of the planning unit exceed 2% slope? 5. If project is a surface irrigation to sprinkler or drip conversion, does it include establishment or enhancement of a 35' average width buffer on at least 50% of the stream/river in the planning unit? |
| Application Screening Priority: | |
| KCCD District Manager: | |
| Date: | |
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| NRCS District Conservationist: | |
| Date: | |