

Southern Baja Water Conservation EQIP Fund Pool Fiscal Year 2017 Application Screening Worksheet <u style="color: red;">A Screening Worksheet must be completed for each eligible EQIP application.</u>		
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 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>Directions: If the application does not meet any of the following scenarios determine application priority using screening criteria factors.</p>		
Screening Criteria Questions		
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, Low Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to the next question.	In the last two EQIP program fiscal years, the applicant: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Had a NRCS contract terminated – and/or, b. Failed to implement contract items in an 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, c. 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, d. 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 priority based screening factors.	The EQIP schedule of operations does not include conservation practices for improved on-farm irrigation water use efficiency.	

Priority Based on Screening Criteria Factors			
High Priority Status in ProTracts	41 or More Screening Factor Points Scored		
Medium Priority Status in ProTracts	21-40 Screening Factor Points Scored		
Low Priority Status in ProTracts	20 or fewer Screening Factor Points Scored		
Screening Criteria Factors (Circle All That Apply)			
EQIP schedule of operations includes conservation practice, 449 – Irrigation Water Management, attainment of at least Level I.	10 points		
EQIP schedule of operations includes conservation practice, 449 – Irrigation Water Management, attainment of at least Level II.	20 points		
EQIP schedule of operations includes conservation practice, 449 – Irrigation Water Management, attainment of at least Level III	30 points		
Applicant submitted, "Conservation Planning on your Land", NRCS California planning workbook and the workbook was the basis for developing the applicant's conservation plan.	20 points		
Converting from a flood/furrow irrigation system to a more efficient irrigation system, resulting in an increased water savings of at least a 30 percent water savings.	15 points		
Scheduled practices in the EQIP schedule of operations address only TWO of the priority resource concerns listed below.	20 points		
Scheduled practices in the EQIP schedule of operations address only ONE of the priority resource concerns listed below.	10 points		
Southern Baja Water Conservation Priority Resource Concerns			
(Check the box for the resource concern(s) addressed by conservation practices in the EQIP schedule of operations.)			
INSUFFICIENT WATER			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inefficient Use of Irrigation Water		
WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Excess Nutrients in Surface Water		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Excess Nutrients in Groundwater		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Excessive Sediment in Surface Water		
INEFFICIENT ENERGY USE			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Farming/Ranching Practices and Field Operations		
Total Screening Factor Points (if applicable):			
Application Screening Priority:			
Designated Conservationist Approval Signature:		Date Approved:	