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| <p>San Joaquin Valley Animal Feeding Operations (AFO) EQIP Fund Pool Fiscal Year 2017 Application Screening Worksheet <u>A Screening Worksheet must be completed for each eligible EQIP application.</u></p> | | |
| 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 application does not meet the following scenarios determine application priority using screening criteria factors.</p> | | |
| <p>If Yes, continue to the next question. If No, Low Priority Status in ProTracts.</p> | <p>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.</p> | |
| <p>If Yes, Low Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to the next question.</p> | <p>In the last two EQIP program fiscal years, the applicant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Had a NRCS contract terminated – and/or, b. 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, 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. | |
| <p>If Yes, Low Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to the next question.</p> | <p>Any of the following are true:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The applicant does not have a completed Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) and the EQIP application is not for a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP). 2. A revision is needed on the existing Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP). | |

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| If Yes, Medium Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to the next question. | Application is supported by a completed, NRCS approved, CNMP; and practices considered in the EQIP schedule of operations address resource concerns documented in the CNMP and <u>less than 6</u> Screening Factor Points are scored. | | | | |
| If Yes, High Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to the next question. | The EQIP schedule of operations includes a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP). | | | | |
| If Yes, High Priority Status in ProTracts, If No, Low Priority in ProTracts. | Application is supported by a completed, NRCS approved, CNMP; and practices considered in the EQIP schedule of operations address resource concerns documented in the CNMP and <u>6 or more</u> Screening Factor Points are scored. | | | | |
| Screening Criteria Factors for Determining "High" or "Medium" Screening Priority | | | | | |
| Depth to Groundwater | 3 Points | 2 Points | 1 Point | 0 Points | Points |
| | Treatment area is located where the depth to the highest recorded groundwater level is less than or equal to 20 feet from the surface. | Treatment area is located where the depth to the highest recorded groundwater level is less than or equal to 30 feet and greater than 20 feet from the surface. | Treatment area is located where the depth to the highest recorded groundwater level is less than or equal to 40 feet and greater than 30 feet from the surface. | Treatment area is located where the depth to the highest recorded groundwater level is greater than 40 feet from the surface. | |
| Soil Classification | 2 points | 1 point | | 0 points | Points |
| | Treatment area is located on soils classified as sand to loamy sand textures. | Treatment area is located on soils classified as sandy loam to fine sandy loam textures. | | Treatment area is located on soils classified as loam or finer textures. | |
| Proximity to Surface Waters and Flood Plains | 2 Points | 1 Points | | 0 Points | Points |
| | Treatment area is located within a ½ mile proximity to lakes, rivers, streams or a FEMA designated 100 year flood zone. | Treatment area is located at a ½ to 1 mile proximity to lakes, rivers, streams or a FEMA designated 100 year flood zone. | | Treatment area is located at a greater than 1 mile proximity to lakes, rivers, streams or a FEMA designated 100 year flood zone. | |
| Surface Drainage and Overland Flow | 4 Points | 2 Points | | 0 Points | Points |
| | Scheduled practices in the EQIP schedule of operations will eliminate contaminated drainage to wetlands or offsite waterbody. | Scheduled practices in the EQIP schedule of operations will curtail contaminated drainage to wetlands or offsite waterbody. | | Scheduled practices in the EQIP schedule of operations does not address drainage to wetlands or offsite waterbody. | |
| Priority Resource Concerns | 4 Points | 3 Points | | 2 Points | Points |
| | Scheduled practices in the EQIP schedule of operations address at least THREE of the resource concerns listed below. | Scheduled practices in the EQIP schedule of operations address TWO of the priority resource concerns listed below. | | Scheduled practices in the EQIP schedule of operations address ONE of the priority resource concerns listed below. | |

| San Joaquin Valley Priority Resource Concerns | | | |
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| (Check the box for the resource concern(s) addressed by conservation practices in the EQIP schedule of operations.) | | | |
| SOIL QUALITY DEGRADATION | | | |
| | Concentration of Salts or Other Chemicals | | |
| INSUFFICIENT WATER | | | |
| | Inefficient Use of Irrigation Water | | |
| WATER QUALITY DEGRDATION | | | |
| | Excess Nutrients in Surface Water | | Excess Nutrients in Groundwater |
| AIR QUALITY | | | |
| | Objectionable Odors | | |
| Total Screening Factor Points (if applicable) | | | |
| Application Screening Priority: | | | |
| Designated Conservationist Approval Signature: | | Date Approved: | |