

Bay-Delta Initiative for Kings Rivers Priority Area Fiscal Year 2017 Application Screening Worksheet		
<u>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>		
Screening Criteria Questions		Action
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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Had a NRCS contract terminated – and/or, 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, 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.
Is the agricultural operation a dairy?	If No , answer screening criteria in Section A . If Yes , answer screening criteria in Section B .	
Section A Screening Criteria (Do Not Answer for an AFO Operation)		
All are true: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application is not supported by an existing NMP nor will a new NMP be developed. Scheduled practices in the EQIP application schedule of operations are expected to attain NRCS planning criteria for the identified resource concerns. Scheduled irrigation-related practices will result in attainment of at least Level II irrigation water management according to NRCS conservation practice 449 – Irrigation Water Management. 		If Yes, continue to the next question. If No, Low Priority Status in ProTracts.

Conservation practices in the EQIP schedule of operations will result in improved irrigation system efficiency and water use.		If Yes, Medium Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, Low Priority Status in ProTracts.
Section B Screening Criteria (Answer for an AFO Operation)		
<p>Either are true:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Scheduled practices in the EQIP application schedule of operations are not expected to attain NRCS planning criteria for the identified resource concerns. Application is not supported by an existing CNMP nor will a new CNMP be developed. 		If Yes, Low Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to the next question.
<p>Either are true:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation practices included in the EQIP schedule of operations are <i>not supported by a NRCS certified CNMP</i>, and, a new CNMP, or revision of an existing CNMP, will be completed prior to implementation of scheduled practices. Conservation practices in the EQIP schedule of operations are scheduled to be <i>implemented within two years of contract obligation</i>; and, conservation practices included in the EQIP schedule of operations are <i>not supported by a NRCS certified CNMP</i>, but a new CNMP, or revision of an existing CNMP, will be completed. 		If Yes, Medium Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to the next question.
Section C Screening Criteria (Answer for all Operations)		
<p>One of the following is true:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The EQIP schedule of operation is for a <i>conservation activity plan</i>, 102 - Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) <i>or</i> 104 – Nutrient Management Plan (NMP). Conservation practices included in the EQIP schedule of operations are <i>supported by a NRCS certified CNMP</i> and scheduled practices in the EQIP schedule of operations are documented in the "Issues and Alternatives" (i.e. Worksheet 5-3). Conservation practices scheduled in the EQIP schedule of operations are <i>supported by a NRCS certified NMP</i>. 		If Yes, High Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, Low Priority in ProTracts
Application Screening Priority:		
Designated Conservationist Approval Signature:		Date Approved: