

Modoc Plateau Water Conservation EQIP Fund Pool 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>		
<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"> 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.	The EQIP schedule of operations includes practices that will facilitate an increase in groundwater withdrawal – for example, switching from flood irrigation to a microirrigation system and switching the water source from surface (e.g. water from an irrigation district) to ground water (e.g. well water).	
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		40 Screening Factor Points Scored	
Medium Priority Status in ProTracts		20-39 Screening Factor Points Scored	
Low Priority Status in ProTracts		0-19 Screening Factor Points Scored	
Scheduled practices in the EQIP schedule of operations include a combination of structural and associated management practices. For example, conservation practices 441 – Irrigation System, Microirrigation and 449 – Irrigation Water Management are both included in the EQIP schedule of operations.			20 points
Scheduled practices in the EQIP schedule of operations will improve or expand an existing conservation system; <i>or</i> , scheduled conservation practices in the EQIP application schedule of operations will be the first phase of a progressively implemented conservation plan.			5 points
Conservation practices in the EQIP schedule of operations are scheduled to be implemented within two years of the obligation date.			5 points
Scheduled practices in the EQIP schedule of operations include irrigation system practices and an irrigation system design was submitted with the EQIP application.			5 points
The conservation treatment unit is located in a watershed that directly drains to an impaired surface water body listed on the 303(d) list for at least one of the following pollutant categories: 'Sediments', 'Nutrients', 'Other Organics' or 'Pesticides'. The Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List is found at the State Water Resources Control Board website: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/tmdl/integrated2010.shtml			5 points
Total Screening Factor Points (if applicable):			
Application Screening Priority:			
Designated Conservationist Approval Signature:		Date Approved:	