

<p>Bay-Delta Initiative for Middle San Joaquin Watersheds Fiscal Year 2017 Application Screening Worksheet</p> <p><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>		
Directions: Screening criteria will be answered sequentially beginning with the first question below.		
Action	Screening Criteria Questions	
<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had a NRCS contract terminated – and/or, • Failed to implement contract items in an 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. 	
<p>Is the agricultural operation a dairy?</p>	<p>If No, answer screening criteria in Section A. If Yes, answer screening criteria in Section B.</p>	
Section A Screening Criteria (Do Not Answer for an AFO Operation)		
<p>If Yes, Low Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to the next question.</p>	<p>The EQIP schedule of operations includes practice(s) that require a permit and the applicant has not provided NRCS with information to support they have applied for the permit; AND/OR, the applicant has not provided NRCS information that scheduled practice(s) will meet regulatory or permitting requirements.</p>	

Continued - Section A Screening Criteria (Do Not Answer for an AFO Operation)			
If Yes, Low Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to the next question.	The EQIP schedule of operations includes practice(s) that require an engineered design and the applicant has not provided information to complete the needs and feasibility analysis, AND/OR, the applicant has not provided NRCS with information to support they are working with an engineer to complete a design that will ensure implementation according to NRCS standards and specifications.		
If Yes, High Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to the next question.	<p>Any of the following are true:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The EQIP application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP). The EQIP schedule of operations includes only management and/or vegetative practices and Water Quality Degradation, Excess Nutrients in Groundwater, is a resource concern. Conservation practices in the EQIP schedule of operations will address Water Quality Degradation, Excess Nutrients in Groundwater, as a resource concern on lands with a water table 20 feet or less in depth (based on highest recorded level within last 10 years or last recorded level if no recent data is available). The conservation treatment in the EQIP schedule of operations will minimize runoff that drains directly into a 303(d) listed water body and the listed pollutant category is 'Nutrients'. 		
If Yes, Medium Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, Low Priority in ProTracts.	<p>Either are true:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation practices in the EQIP schedule of operations will address Water Quality Degradation, Excess Nutrients in Groundwater, as a resource concern on lands with a water table greater than 20 feet in depth (based on highest recorded level within last 10 years or last recorded level if no recent data is available). Conservation practices in the EQIP schedule of operations do not address the resource concern Water Quality Degradation, Excess Nutrients in Groundwater. 		
Section B Screening Criteria (Answer for an AFO Operation)			
If Yes, Low Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to the next question.	The EQIP schedule of operations includes practice(s) that require a permit and the applicant has not provided NRCS with information to support they have applied for the permit; AND/OR, the applicant has not provided NRCS information that scheduled practice(s) will meet regulatory or permitting requirements.		
If Yes, Low Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to the next question.	The EQIP schedule of operations includes practice(s) that require an engineered design and the applicant has not provided information to complete the needs and feasibility analysis, AND/OR, the applicant has not provided NRCS with information to support they are working with an engineer to complete a design that will ensure implementation according to NRCS standards and specifications.		
If Yes, Low Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to the next question.	<p>Either of the following are true:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The EQIP schedule of operations includes structural, vegetative or management practices and the applicant does not have a completed Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP). The completed CNMP does not support the practice(s) in the EQIP schedule of operations. 		
If Yes, High Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, Low Priority in ProTracts.	<p>Either of the following are true:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The EQIP application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP). The application has an NRCS approved CNMP and is supported by an NRCS conservation plan. 		
		Application Priority Status:	
Designated Conservationist Approval Signature:		Date Approved:	