Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Buena Vista Wildlife

Program:	**Ranking Date:**	**Application Number:**
Ranking Tool: Buena Vista Wildlife		**Applicant:**
Final Ranking Score:		**Address:**
Planner:		**Telephone:**
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes O or No O
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	Yes O or No O
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	Yes O or No O
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	Yes O or No O
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes O or No O
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	Yes O or No O
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	Yes O or No O
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	Yes O or No O
3. c.Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes O or No O
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	Yes O or No O
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes O or No O
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	Yes O or No O
4. c.Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	Yes O or No O
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes O or No O
Soil Health:– Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes O or No O
5. b.Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	Yes O or No O
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	Yes O or No O
6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation	Yes O or No O

Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	Yes O or No O
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	Yes O or No O
Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)	
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes O or No O
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	Yes O or No O
Energy Conservation– Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)	
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	Yes O or No O
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	Yes O or No O
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the "EQIP Plan of Operations" result in:	
9. a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	Yes O or No O

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Occurrence of priority species that will be restored or managed for: Scores will be auto calculated by the 2016 EQIP Wildlife Ranking Worksheet	
1. a. The occurrence of priority species score greater than or equal to 100. (100pts)	Yes O or No O
1. b. The occurrence of priority species score is between 60 and 99. (75pts)	Yes O or No O
1. c. The occurrence of priority species score is between 40 and 59. (50pts)	Yes O or No O
1. d. The occurrence of priority species score is between 20-39 (25pts)	Yes O or No O
Priority Watershed Occurrence: Scores will be auto calculated by the 2016 EQIP Wildlife Ranking Worksheet	
2. a. Is the planning unit within both a priority area and a high priority watershed? (50pts)	Yes O or No O
2. b. Is the planning unit within either a priority area or a high priority watershed, but not both? (25pts)	Yes O or No O
Prior Restoration and Management Activities:	
3. Has 50% or more of the planning unit received some sort of habitat restoration (planting, hydrologic restoration) or management (prescribed fire, timber stand improvement, brush management, herbaceous weed control, etc.) within the past 5 years? (50pts)	Yes O or No O
Planned Habitat Suitability Index: Scores will be auto calculated by the 2016 EQIP Wildlife Ranking Worksheet	
4. a. Is the planned Habitat Suitability Index score between 0.80-1.00? 50PTS	Yes O or No O
4. b. Is the planned Habitat Suitability Index score between 0.60-0.79? 35PTS	Yes O or No O
4. c. Is the planned Habitat Suitability Index score between 0.50-0.59? 20PTS	Yes O or No O
Presence of priority habitats and planning of priority management actions Scores will be auto calculated by the 2016 EQIP Wildlife Ranking Worksheet.	
5. a. The priority habitats and planning of priority management actions score is greater than or equal to 150. (100pts)	Yes O or No O
5. b.The priority habitats and planning of priority management actions score is between 100 and 149. (75pts)	Yes O or No O
5. c. The priority habitats and planning of priority management actions score is between 50 and 99. (50pts)	Yes O or No O
5. d. The priority habitats and planning of priority management actions score is between 25 and 49 (25pts)	Yes O or No O
Planned Stream Visual Assessment Protocol 2 Score Scores will be auto calculated by the 2016 EQIP Wildlife Ranking Worksheet	
6. a. The planned SVAP2 score is between 8 and10. (50pts)	Yes O or No O
6. b. The planned SVAP2 score is between 6 and 7. (35pts)	Yes O or No O

6. c. The planned SVAP2 score is 5. (20pts)	Yes O or No O

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will you implement prescribed burning?	Yes O or No O
2. Will you thin forestland to a maximum of 60BA or create patch clearcuts?	Yes O or No O
3. Will you establish and maintain a conservation cover of permanent native grasses, forbs and legumes in open areas?	Yes O or No O

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices

Ranking Score

Efficiency:

Local Issues:

State Issues:

National Issues:

Final Ranking Score:

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative: **Signature Date:**	**Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:** **Signature Date:**