

South Coast Cropland EQIP Fund Pool Fiscal Year 2017 Application Screening Worksheet		
<b><u>A Screening Worksheet must be completed for each eligible EQIP application.</u></b>		
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><b>Directions:</b> If the application does not meet the following scenarios determine application priority using screening criteria factors.</p>		
Screening Criteria Questions		
<p>If Yes, continue to the next question. If No, <b>Low Priority</b> Status in ProTracts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The applicant's EQIP schedule of operations, will be uploaded to the NRCS business tool, ProTracts, before or by the ranking deadline.</li> <li>• The applicant has reviewed and approved the EQIP schedule of operations.</li> </ul>	
<p>If Yes, <b>Low Priority</b> 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"> <li>a. Had a NRCS contract terminated – and/or,</li> <li>b. 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,</li> <li>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,</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>	
Priority Based on Screening Criteria Factors		
<b>High Priority</b> Status in ProTracts	41-60 Screening Factor Points Scored	
<b>Medium Priority</b> Status in ProTracts	21-40 Screening Factor Points Scored	
<b>Low Priority</b> Status in ProTracts	0-20 Screening Factor Points Scored	

Screening Criteria Factors (Circle All That Apply)			
Scheduled practices in the EQIP schedule of operations includes at least one of the following NRCS management practices:		10 points	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 449 – Irrigation Water Management</li> <li>• 595 – Pest Management</li> <li>• 590 – Nutrient Management</li> </ul>			
The EQIP schedule of operations includes practices <b>supported by a resource management system (RMS) conservation plan</b> for the entire agricultural operation, but the EQIP schedule of operations does not have to include all practices identified in the plan.		40 points	
The EQIP schedule of operations includes practices <b>supported by a conservation plan</b> for a field or whole farm, but the EQIP schedule of operations does not have to include all the practices identified in the plan.		35 points	
Scheduled practices in the EQIP schedule of operations address at least <b>ONE</b> of the priority resource concerns listed below.		10 points	
South Coast Cropland Priority Resource Concerns (Check the box for the resource concern(s) addressed by conservation practices in the EQIP schedule of operations.)			
SOIL EROSION			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sheet and Rill	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ephemeral Gullies
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wind	<input type="checkbox"/>	Classic Gullies
<input type="checkbox"/> Excessive Bank Erosion from Streams, Shorelines or Water Conveyance Channels			
SOIL QUALITY DEGRADATION			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Compaction		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Organic Matter Depletion		
INSUFFICIENT WATER			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inefficient Use of Irrigation Water		
WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Excess Nutrients in Surface Water	<input type="checkbox"/>	Excess Nutrients in Groundwater
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pesticides Transported to Surface Water	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pesticides Transported to Groundwater
<input type="checkbox"/>	Excessive Sediment in Surface Water		
Total Screening Factor Points (if applicable):			
Application Screening Priority:			
Designated Conservationist Approval Signature:		Date Approved:	