

Sacramento Valley Cropland 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>		
Screening Criteria Questions	Yes/ No	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.
In the last two EQIP program fiscal years, the applicant: a. Had a NRCS contract terminated – and/or, 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, 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, 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.		If Yes, Low Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to the next question.
Conservation treatment in the EQIP schedule of operations will facilitate an increase in groundwater withdrawals.		If Yes, Low Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to the next question.

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Conservation practices in the EQIP schedule of operations are scheduled to be implemented in 4 or more years of the obligation date.			If Yes, Low Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to the next question.
The EQIP schedule of operations includes soil health management practices ONLY (i.e. mulch, cover crop, residue tillage management, conservation crop rotation) to address the resource concern, Soil Quality Degradation: Organic Matter Depletion.			If Yes, High Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to the next question.
Scheduled practices in the EQIP schedule of operations address TWO or LESS of the following priority resource concerns.			If Yes, Medium Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to the next question.
Scheduled practices in the EQIP schedule of operations address THREE or MORE of the following priority resource concerns.			If Yes, High Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, Low Priority Status in ProTracts.
Sacramento Valley 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"/>	Wind
SOIL QUALITY DEGRADATION			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Organic Matter Depletion		
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"/>	Excessive Sediment in Surface Water
DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health		
INADEQUATE HABITAT FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Habitat Degradation		
INEFFICIENT ENERGY USE			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Equipment and Facilities		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Farming/Ranching Practices and Field Operations		
Application Screening Priority:			
Designated Conservationist Approval Signature:		Date Approved:	