

San Joaquin Valley 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>		
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 next question.	EQIP schedule of operations does not include conservation practices for improved on-farm irrigation water use efficiency.	
If Yes, Low Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to next question.	Scheduled practices in the EQIP schedule of operations are not expected to attain NRCS planning criteria for the identified resource concerns.	

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<p>If Yes, Medium Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to next question.</p>	<p>The EQIP schedule of operations includes conservation practices that meets all the below criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Scheduled practices in the EQIP schedule of operations only address the resource concern, Insufficient Water – Inefficient Use of Irrigation Water. b. EQIP Schedule of operations includes conservation practice, 449 – Irrigation Water Management, for Level I attainment only. 		
<p>If Yes, High Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, Low Priority Status in ProTracts.</p>	<p>Either one or both of the following are true:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At least one of the following conditions is true: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EQIP schedule of operations includes conservation practices that will address at least two of the local resource priorities for this initiative • EQIP Schedule of operations is for implementation of Practice 449 - Irrigation Water Management ONLY and will attain at least Level II. 2. At least two of the following conditions are true: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EQIP schedule of operations includes structural practices scheduled to be implemented within <i>two years</i> of the obligation date. • Conservation treatment will result in implementation of structural practices and attainment of at least Level II NRCS conservation practice 449 – Irrigation Water Management. • 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'. <p>*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</p>		
Application Screening Priority:			
Designated Conservationist Approval Signature:		Date Approved:	