

**Central Coast and Bay-Delta Pastureland EQIP Fund Pool
Fiscal Year 2017 Application Screening Worksheet**

A Screening Worksheet must be completed for each eligible EQIP application.

Applicant Name:

Evaluator Name:

Date:

Batching Number:

Application No:

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.

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:

- 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.

Scheduled practices in the EQIP schedule of operations do not address any of the local resource priority categories listed in this screening worksheet.

If Yes, **Medium Priority** Status in ProTracts.
If No, continue to the next question.

Scheduled practices in the EQIP schedule of operations address ONE of the local resource concern categories listed below.

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If Yes, High Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, continue to the next question.	The EQIP schedule of operations includes a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP).		
If Yes, High Priority Status in ProTracts. If No, Low Priority Status in ProTracts.	Scheduled practices in the EQIP schedule of operations address TWO or MORE of the local resource concern <u>categories</u> listed below.		
Central Coast and Bay-Delta Pastureland Priority Resource Concerns (Check the box for the resource concern(s) addressed by conservation practices in the EQIP schedule of operations.)			
Resource Concern Category		Resource Concern	
	SOIL EROSION	Classic Gullies	
		Excessive Bank Erosion from Streams, Shorelines or Water Conveyance	
	SOIL QUALITY DEGRADATION	Compaction	
	INSUFFICIENT WATER	Inefficient Use of Irrigation Water	
	WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION	Excess Nutrients in Surface Water	
		Excess Nutrients in Groundwater	
		Pathogens and Chemicals from Manure, Bio-Solids, or Compost Applications Transported to Surface Water	
		Excessive Sediment Surface Water	
	DEGRADED PLANT CONDITION	Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health	
		Inadequate Structure and Composition	
		Excessive Plant Pest Pressure	
	INADEQUATE HABITAT FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE	Habitat Degradation - Food	
		Habitat Degradation - Water	
		Habitat Degradation - Cover/Shelter	
		Habitat Degradation - Habitat Continuity/Space	
	LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION LIMITATION	Inadequate Livestock Water	
	INEFFICIENT ENERGY USE	Farming/Ranching Practices and Field Operations	
Application Screening Priority:			
Designated Conservationist Approval Signature:		Date Approved:	