

Project Evaluation Criteria for Water Storage, Conservation and Flood Projects

Each question is reviewed by a specific reviewer as noted below

Included in a ISC-accepted Regional Water Plan? (OSE)		5
Regional Nature of Project (NMED)		15
Project provides "regionalization" of several smaller water systems and/or provide regional service which replaces individual well-septic system. Applicant has collaborated with all adjacent governmental, municipal interests, water associations, and/or provide ownership within five miles of current service area. Project incorporates an area >80% or incorporates >80% of the population within an area. Project proposes to "share" infrastructure or manpower, equipment, processes, etc. Project has multiple partners who have entered into a Joint Powers Agreement for the project .	12 - 15 points	
Project similar to above, but with 61 - 80% of the population substantively incorporated into the project.	8 - 10 points	
Project serves 41 - 60% of the human population in regional area of the project.	5 - 7 points	
Project serves 41 - 60% of the human population in regional area of the project.	3 - 4 points	
Project effects no substantial part of the surrounding are or <20% of regional human population	1 - 2 points	
Project provides direct and indirect benefits to only a few people	0 points	
Local Contribution: Relative Demonstrable Proponent/Partner Investment & Cost Sharing (NMFA)		10
Contributes hard match in excess of minimum required by greater than 20%	8 - 10 points	
Exceeds minimum requirement match component by between 10% and 20%	6 - 7 points	
Exceeds minimum requirement match component by less than 10%	4 - 5 points	
Mandatory match component of between 10% and 20% (Minimum Match)	3 points	
Less than Minimum Match secured	0 points	
Leveraging / Loan Component (NMFA)		10
Exceeds minimum required loan component by greater than 10%	8 - 10 points	
Exceeds minimum required loan component by between 5% and 10%	6 - 7 points	
Exceeds minimum required loan component by less than 5%	4 - 5 points	
Mandatory match component of 10% (minimum loan requirement)	3 points	
Less than Minimum Loan Component	0 points	
Attention to Human Health and Safety (NMED)		10
Project specifically address identified threat(s) to human health or safety	10 points	
Project specifically and substantially provides human health or safety benefits, especially beyond other project objectives	7 - 9 points	
Project specifically includes benefits for human health and safety that may range from indirect to basically addressed	3 - 6 points	
Project has minimal human health and safety provision when they could be addressed	1 - 2 points	
Project has no aspects that promote human health and safety benefits and may even be detrimental in that regard	0 points	
Attention to Wildlife and Environmental Compatibility (Game & Fish)		10
Project has no likely environmental effects or displays a high degree of sensitivity and protective mechanisms for watersheds, wildlife and nature systems present	10 points	
Project has reasonable but somewhat limited awareness of or sensitivity to watersheds, wildlife and environmental concerns	7 - 9 points	
Project displays moderate awareness of and amelioration for watershed condition, wildlife and environmental effects	4 - 6 points	
Project includes some limited attention to wildlife and environmental effects	1 - 3 points	
Project provides no indication of attention to wildlife and environmental system effects	0 points	
Contribution to Water Quality Improvement (NMED)		10
In addition to any other features, project clearly addresses ambient water quality impairment (violation of standards) or drinking water quality violation	10 points	
Project consciously incorporated reduced threats to ambient water quality or improved drinking water quality and/or treatment reliability	7 - 9 points	
Project includes basic water quality improvement with little devotion to any special features	3 - 6 points	
Project has some water quality improvement that is indirect or unavoidable	1 - 2 points	
Projects makes no detectible effort to promote water quality improvement that could realistically be addressed	0 points	

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Integrated Water Conservation and Management (OSE)		10
In addition to any other features, project clearly demonstrates a water conservation strategy that includes reducing potable water consumption and/or offsetting potable water demand with multiple reuse activities through an integrated water management plan	10 points	
Project consciously incorporates reduction in potable water consumption and/or offsetting potable water demand through extensive reuse	7 - 9 points	
Project includes basic water conservation/reuse with some offset of potable water demand	3 - 6 points	
Project has some conservation/reuse components, but does not seek to lower or offset potable water demand	1 - 2 points	
Project makes no detectible efforts to promote water conservation or offset potable water demand	0 points	
Project Design and Execution (NMED)		10
Project design concept is substantively complete, sets forth clear objectives in an overall framework of infrastructure improvement, has either clear professional engagement or dedicated local staff and has distinct project measure with assigned responsibility to monitor	10 points	
Project is adequately designed, sets forth clear objectives and describes some enhancements that promote completion and accountability monitoring	7 - 9 points	
Project is adequately designed, and provides basic elements for minimum accomplishment completion and monitoring	4 - 6 points	
Project is generally designed or described; questions of note remain about completion/manageability	1 - 3 points	
Project description indicates little or no substantive devotion to design and oversight	0 points	
Readiness & Long Term Stewardship (NMED)		10
Project has maximum readiness to proceed (especially regarding water rights, funding commitments, permitting, review) and has full-term management in place	10 points	
Project is ready to proceed and describes overall substantive management plan	7 - 9 points	
Project has some readiness questions and long-term management could range from poor to good	4 - 6 points	
Project is not realistically ready for execution or management	1 - 3 points	
	0 points	