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**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM (EQIP)**  
**National Water Quality Initiative – Calleguas Creek Watersheds – Fiscal Year 2012****Program Description:**

The California Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Fiscal Year 2012 has identified small watersheds targeted for financial and technical assistance through a water quality initiative funded under the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). This initiative is intended to support producers willing to implement water quality conservation practices in targeted watersheds. Agricultural operators within Revlon Slough and Mugu Lagoon watersheds are eligible to apply for the initiative; please refer to page 6 of this document for a map of the eligible Calleguas Creek watersheds.

The National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) will assist producers to address high priority water resource concerns in small watersheds with streams or water bodies in one or more of the following categories: (1) Impaired – A stream or water body documented to be impaired, and identified on a State's 303(d) list of impaired waters as designated by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); (2) Threatened – A stream or water body with water quality data documenting an impairment, but does not have a Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) implementation plan and is not listed on the 303(d) list of impaired waters as designated by the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA); (3) Total Maximum Daily Loads – A stream or water body that has been on the Environmental Protection Agency's 303(d) list of impaired waters, but may have been removed because there is a having a TMDL plan for implementation; and (4) Critical – a stream or water body upstream of an impaired segment or area, and is known to be a contributing source of the downstream impairment for a stream in one or more of the three categories above.

The Clean Water Act requires states, territories, and authorized tribes to develop lists of impaired waters. These are waters that are too polluted or otherwise degraded to meet the water quality standards set by states, territories, or authorized tribes. The law requires that these jurisdictions establish priority rankings for waters on the lists and develop "Total Maximum Daily Loads" (TMDLs) for these waters. A TMDL is a calculation of the maximum amount of a pollutant that a body of water can receive and still safely meet water quality standards (<http://www.epa.gov/region9/water/tmdl/final.html>).

The Calleguas Creek watershed covers 343 square miles in the eastern portion of Ventura County and includes the Arroyos Simi and Las Posas, Conejo Creek and the Revlon Slough. These tributaries form the Calleguas Creek and empty into the Mugu Lagoon which is a system of salt-water marshes, tidal pools and duck ponds, with a bay adjoining the Pacific Ocean. The Calleguas Creek watershed has supported a thriving agriculture industry for over a century with strawberries as the number one crop followed by celery, raspberries, lemons and avocados.

Producers in the Calleguas Creek watershed are required to meet water quality goals established by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, Conditional Agricultural Waiver of Discharge Requirements program. The Calleguas Creek watershed has TMDLs for nutrients, salts, OC and OP pesticides, legacy pesticides – sediment toxicity and siltation are also identified as impairments. There are also benchmark conditions for nitrogen, temperature and dissolved oxygen that need to be met as well per water quality standards.

The approved practice list is included in this document and installation will follow NRCS guidelines. Applications will be screened and ranked using factors that measure the projected environmental benefits to surface water quality. Screening and ranking criteria are also included in this document. Applications for the National Water Quality Initiative will be evaluated based on the screening and local, state and national ranking criteria. A Screening Worksheet must be completed for each eligible EQIP application.

### **Where to Apply:**

For application assistance or for more information regarding the National Water Quality Initiative contact your local NRCS field office, which can be obtained at the NRCS California web site: <http://www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/>.

### **Program Application:**

#### Application Period 1:

All eligible “High” priority applications received by the deadline of **May 18, 2012** will be ranked and be preapproved for funding.

#### Application Period 2:

From Monday, May 21, 2012 to Friday, June 15, 2012. All eligible “High” or “Medium” priority applications received by the deadline of **June 15, 2012**, including any unfunded “High” priority applications from the first application period, will be ranked and be preapproved for funding.

**Note:** Low priority applications will not be ranked.

Program applications are accepted on a continuous basis; but, to be eligible for the National Water Quality Initiative a complete application must be submitted to the local NRCS office by close-of-business (COB) **May 18, 2012** to be considered in Ranking Period 1 and by **June 15, 2012** to be considered in Ranking Period 2.

Incomplete applications may be re-submitted for the next ranking and funding period. For application assistance or for more information regarding the California programs county and statewide initiatives contact your closest NRCS office, which can be obtained at the NRCS California web site: <http://www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/>.

To be eligible for program funds, applicants must be established in Service Center Information System (SCIMS), have the following certifications completed and filed at the USDA service center: Form AD-1026, “Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Certification;” Form CCC-926, “Average Adjusted Gross Income Statement;” and Form CCC-901, “Member’s Information (for legal entity and joint operations only), and meet EQIP program eligibility requirements.

A Complete Application Must Include:

- **Form NRCS-CPA-1200 Application** - Signed and dated by all program participants or authorized persons.

The designated conservationist will review applications for completeness and consistency with individual or business information maintained in SCIMS. Applications will be serviced and funded on the basis of the signup and evaluation cutoff dates, the ranking criteria, the availability of program funds, and other requirements, as specified for the program.

- **Form AD-1026:** Highly Erodible Land Conservation - Wetland Conservation Certification.
- **Form CCC-931:** Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Certification.
- **Form SF-1199A:** Direct Deposit Sign-Up Form.
- **Form CA-LTP-5:** Producer Certification of Irrigation History - if applicable.
- **Form CCC-901:** Entity Member Information - if applicable.
- **Form FSA-211:** Power of Attorney – if applicable (Entity applicants must submit this form).
- **Landowner Agreement to Install Structural Practices**– if applicable.
- **Signature authority:** Self-certification of signature authority as indicated on Form CCC-901 or documents such as articles of incorporation, charter, bylaws, partnership agreements, trust agreements, wills and similar legal evidence – if applicable (Entities must submit this form).
- **DUNS Number:** All entities/ organizations are required to obtain a DUNS number when submitting a conservation program application.
- **Proof of Identity:** Authorized persons may be required to show valid state driver’s license, passport or other personal identification as well as Social Security or EIN numbers, address and other information.

**Note: Confidential and private information:** Many of the program application forms or documentation requires the applicant to provide sensitive, contact, financial or other confidential information. Disclosure of this data is voluntary, but failure to provide the required information in a timely manner may result in the deferral of an application or denial of a benefit payment. By law and policy, confidential, private and sensitive information is protected by USDA and employees and agency partners are subject to penalty and disciplinary action for inappropriate or mismanagement of private data.

To be eligible to participate in EQIP, an applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Be a producer. To be considered a producer, the applicant must be—
  - a. A person, legal entity, Indian Tribe, or joint operation with signature authority and
  - b. Engaged in agricultural production or forestry management or have an interest in the agricultural or forestry operation associated with the land being offered for enrollment in EQIP.
    - Interest in the farming operation means one of the following:
      - i. Owner or renter of the land in the farming operation;
      - ii. An interest in the agricultural products, commodities, or livestock produced by the farming operation; or
      - iii. A member of a joint operation that either owns or rents land in the farming operation or has an interest in the agricultural products, commodities, or livestock produced by the farming operation.
2. Have control of the land for the term of the proposed contract period.
3. Be in compliance with the provisions for protecting the interests of tenants and sharecroppers, including the provisions for sharing EQIP payments on a fair and equitable basis.
4. Be in compliance with the highly erodible land and wetland conservation compliance.
5. Be within appropriate payment limitation requirements, as specified in the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008.

Exception: Federally-recognized Indian Tribes are exempt from payment limitation requirements. The \$300,000 contract limitation remains applicable to Indian Tribes, but there is no limit on payments so an Indian Tribe could have multiple \$300,000 contracts. Individual tribal members must be within appropriate payment limitations.
6. Be in compliance with adjusted gross income requirements.

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To be eligible for EQIP, the land being offered for application into the program must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Be agricultural land, nonindustrial private forest land, or other land on which agricultural products, livestock, or forest-related products are produced.
  - i. Agricultural products include but are not limited to the following:

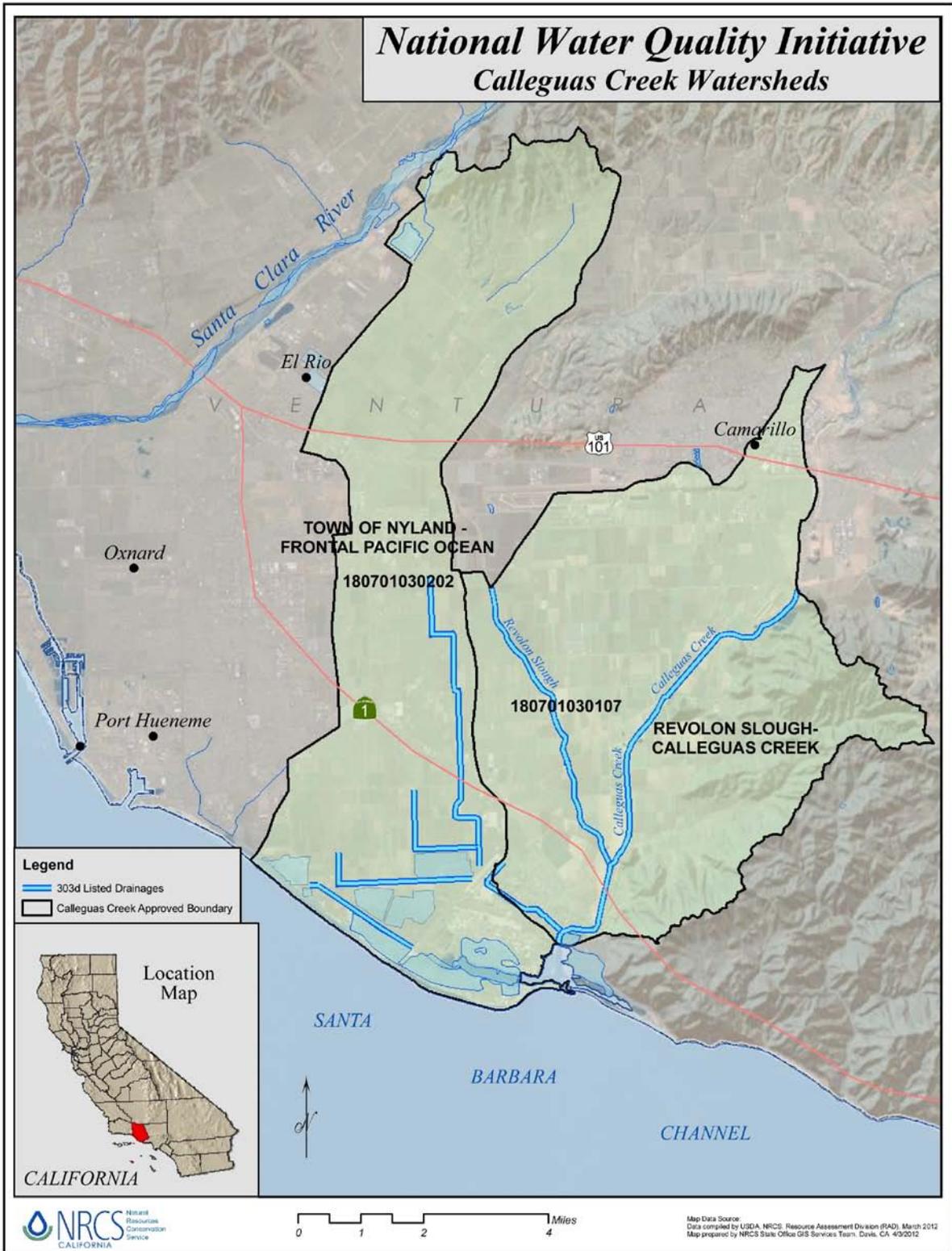
Grains or row crops; Tobacco; Seed crops; Vegetables or fruits; Hay, forage, or pasture; Orchards or vineyards; Flowers or bulbs; Ornamentals; Plant materials, including those grown in greenhouses or seasonal high tunnels; Trees; Other agricultural commodities; Other crops used for subsistence.
  - ii. Livestock production is defined as farm or ranch operations involving the production, growing, raising, or reproducing of livestock or livestock products, including but not limited to, the following:

Alpacas; Beef cattle; Bison; Dairy cattle; Fish or other animals raised through aquacultural methods; Horses; Llamas; Rattles; Poultry; Sheep or goats; Swine; Turkeys; All other livestock or fowl produced as part of agricultural operations on farms or ranches identified by the State Conservationist, considering the advice of the State Technical Committee.

- iii. Nonindustrial private forest land is rural land that—
  - Has existing tree cover or is suitable for growing trees.
  - Is owned by any nonindustrial private individual, group, association, corporation, Indian Tribe, or other private legal entity.
- iv. Permanently submerged lands may be eligible only if all of the following apply:
  - The EQIP practice(s) to be implemented is land-based
  - The Farm Service Agency establishes farm records, common land unit (CLU information, and completes HEL/WC determinations for the submerged land area
  - The proposed EQIP practice(s) addresses an identified natural resource concern.

**Note:** By statute and regulation (16 U.S.C. 3839aa-1; and §1466.8), EQIP may only be used to implement practices or support activities on eligible land. As such, areas of water in which no land-based conservation practice(s) will be implemented are not eligible.

- 2. Be privately owned or Indian land. Publicly owned land may be eligible if—
  - i. The land is a working component of the participant's agricultural and operations.
  - ii. The participant has control of the land for the term of the contract.
  - iii. The conservation practices to be implemented on the public land are necessary and will contribute to an improvement in the identified resource concern.
- 3. Have permission of the landowner to install a structural practice on land not owned by the applicant.
- 4. Have an identified resource concern that may be addressed.
- 5. Have irrigated two out of the last five years to install a water conservation or irrigation related practice.



## **Approved Land Use Types, Resource Concerns and Practice List for the National Water Quality Initiative for the Garcia River Watershed:**

### Approved Land Use Types:

- Crop, Forest, Grazed Forest, Grazed Range, Hay, Pasture, Headquarters

### Approved Resource Concerns:

#### Water Quality:

- Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Surface Water
- Excessive Suspended Sediment and Turbidity in Surface Water
- Excessive Nutrients and Organics in Groundwater
- Excessive Salinity in Groundwater
- Excessive Salinity in Surface Water
- Harmful Levels of Pesticides in Groundwater
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#### Animals: Fish and Wildlife

- Inadequate Water
- T&E Species: Declining Species, Species of Concern
- Threatened and Endangered Fish and Wildlife Species

#### Water Quantity

- Insufficient Flows in Water Courses

### Approved Practice List:

The following is a complete list of core and supporting practices eligible for financial assistance through the National Water Quality Initiative.

Core conservation practices are critical to addressing the targeted resource concern(s) and achieving the desired environmental outcome(s) for the National Water Quality Initiative. All conservation plans selected for financial assistance through the National Water Quality Initiative must include documentation that an alternative containing the core practices was presented to the decision-maker. Every application and contract developed for this initiative must include at least one of the applicable core practices.

Supporting practices are those practices needed to make the core practices function properly or to address a specific site or condition related to the identified resource concern(s).



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Resource Concerns		Water Quality							Fish and Wildlife		Water Quantity	
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Practice Code	Practice Name	"C" = core conservation practice; "X" = supporting conservation practice										
472	Access Control	C	X				C	X		X	X	X
560	Access Road	C										
702	Agrichemical Handling Facility					X	X	X	X			
311	Alley Cropping	X				X	X	X	X			
591	Amendments for the Treatment of Agricultural Waste	X										
450	Anionic Polyacrylamide (PAM) Application	X			X		X	X			X	
396	Aquatic Organism Passage										X	
316	Animal Mortality Facility					X	X					
575	Animal Trails and Walkways	X						X		X	X	X
314	Brush Management	X						X	X			
317	Composting Facility					X	X					



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327	Conservation Cover	C				C	C	X	X			
328	Conservation Crop Rotation	X		X	X	C	C	X	X			
656	Constructed Wetland	X										
332	Contour Buffer Strips	C	X			X	C	X				
330	Contour Farming	C				C	C					
331	Contour Orchard and Other Perennial Crops	C		X	X	C	C					
340	Cover Crop	C		X	X	C	C	X	X			
342	Critical Area Planting	X	C	C	C					C	C	C
342	Critical Area Planting	X	C	C	C					C	C	C
588	Cross Wind Ridges	X										
589C	Cross Wind Trap Strips							X				
402	Dam	X										
356	Dike	X										
362	Diversion	X						X	X			X



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554	Drainage Water Management			X	X	X	X					
382	Fence						X					
386	Field Border	X					C	X	X			
393	Filter Strip	C		C	C	C	C	C	C			
512	Forage and Biomass Planting	X	X			X	X					
511	Forage Harvest Management		X					X				
410	Grade Stabilization Structure	C										
412	Grassed Waterway	C	X									
561	Heavy Use Area Protection	C				X	X					
422	Hedgerow Planting	X										
315	Herbaceous Weed Control							X	X			
603	Herbaceous Wind Barriers	X				X	X	X				
423	Hillside Ditch	X						X		X		X



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595	Integrated Pest Management					X	X	X	X			
428	Irrigation Ditch Lining	X										
464	Irrigation Land Leveling	X										
436	Irrigation Reservoir			X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
430	Irrigation Pipeline	X		X	X	X	X	X	X			
441	Irrigation System, Microirrigation			X	X	X	X					
442	Irrigation System, Sprinkler			X	X	X	X					
443	Irrigation System, Surface & Subsurface			X	X	X	X					
447	Irrigation System, Tailwater Recovery			X	X	X	X					



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449	Irrigation Water Management			C	C	X	X					
453	Land Reclamation Landslide Treatment	X										
468	Lined Waterway Outlet	X										
484	Mulching	X					X					
590	Nutrient Management	X				C	C					
582	Open Channel	X										
516	Pipeline	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
378	Pond					X	X					
521A	Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane			X	X			X	X		X	
521B	Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant Treatment			X	X			X	X		X	



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521C	Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite Treatment			X	X			X	X		X	
521D	Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment			X	X			X	X		X	
338	Prescribed Burning							X	X			
528	Prescribed Grazing	C	C			X	C	X	X	X	X	X
533	Pumping Plant	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
550	Range Planting	C	X					X	X	X	X	X
345	Residue and Tillage Management, Mulch Till	C		X	X	C	C					
329	Residue and Tillage Management, No Till/Strip Till/Direct Seed	C		X	X	C	C					
346	Residue and Tillage Management, Ridge Till	C		X	X	C	C					



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344	Residue Management, Seasonal	C		X	X	C	C	X	X			
643	Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats	X	X							X		X
391	Riparian Forest Buffer	C	C			X	C			C	C	C
390	Riparian Herbaceous Cover	C	C			X	C			C	C	C
654	Road/Landing Closure and Treatment	X										
558	Roof Runoff Structure	X			X		X	X		X		X
367	Roofs and Covers	X										
557	Row Arrangement	X						X	X			
610	Salinity and Sodic Soil Mgt											
381	Silvopasture Establishment					X	X	X				



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574	Spring Development					X	X			X	X	X
578	Stream Crossing	C	C							C	C	C
395	Stream Habitat Improvement		X							C	C	C
580	Streambank and Shoreline Protection		C							C	C	C
570	Stormwater Runoff	C	X		X		X	X			X	X
585	Strip Cropping	X						X	X			
587	Structure for Water Control	C	C			C	C	C	C			
608	Surface Drainage, Main or Lateral	X										
609	Surface Roughening	X										
600	Terrace	C				X	X					
612	Tree/Shrub Establishment	C	C				X	X	X	X	X	X
620	Underground Outlet	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	



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635	Vegetated Treatment Area	X										
601	Vegetative Barrier	C	X			X	C			X	X	X
633	Waste Utilization	X										
313	Waste Storage Facility	X										
629	Waste Treatment	X										
359	Waste Treatment Lagoon	X										
638	Water and Sediment Control Basin	C		X	X							
642	Water Well			X	X	X	X					
614	Watering Facility						X					
355	Well Water Testing					X						
380	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment		X					X				
650	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation	X						X				



**Application Screening Worksheet for the National Water Quality Initiative**

<p>This screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible producer applying for EQIP National Water Quality Initiative assistance. Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis; however, application periods are established for purposes of evaluation, ranking, and funding decisions. 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 related to this national initiative.</p> <p>Completion of this worksheet and documentation does not constitute 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>	
Applicant Name:	County:
Application No:	Field Office:
Evaluator Name:	Date:
<u>Ineligible Category:</u> The EQIP application is associated with land that is not located within the boundaries of the approved watershed for the Water Quality Initiative (Enter application in ProTracts, but do not rank. Offer alternative program assistance).	<b>Application Status is "Ineligible"</b>
<u>High Priority Category:</u> All of the conservation practices requested in the application will be implemented on land physically located inside the NWQI watershed, AND The application includes "core" conservation practices (as identified for the pollutants of the eligible water quality initiative 12-digit watershed) on more than 25 percent of the offered acres – OR – The application is for a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP).	<b>High Priority</b>
<u>Medium Priority Category 1:</u> All of the conservation practices requested in the application will be applied on land physically located inside the NWQI watershed, AND The application contains "core" conservation practices (as identified for the pollutants of the eligible water quality initiative 12-digit watershed)	<b>Medium Priority</b>
<u>Medium Priority Category 2:</u> One or more of the conservation practices requested in the application will be applied on land physically located outside the NWQI watershed, AND The application contains "core" conservation practices (as identified for the pollutants of the eligible water quality initiative 12-digit watershed)	<b>Medium Priority</b>
<u>Low Priority Category:</u> All other applications – Low Priority Applications will not be ranked for FY 2012 NWQI.	<b>Low Priority</b>
The priority determination of high, medium or low must be recorded in ProTracts for this applicant.	
Designated Conservationist Approval ( <i>Signature</i> )	Date Approved

**I. National Ranking Criteria (25 percent of total ranking score)**

Ranking Questions	Points
1. Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	15
1b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	10
1c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	5
2. Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas ( <a href="http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html">http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html</a> )?	15
2b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	10
2c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	5
3. Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
3a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	15
3b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	15
3c. Increase carbon sequestration?	5
4. High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
4a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil “T”)?	15

5. Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
5a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	15
5b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	15
6. High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
6a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?	10
6b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	10
6c. Implement precision agricultural methods?	10
6d. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	5
6e. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	5
7. Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Production – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
7a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	15
7b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with more efficient equipment?	10
7c. Assist in producing energy from renewable resources (solar, wind, biofuel, etc)?	10
8. Business Lines – Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
8a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?	10
8b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system?	10
9. Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
9b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	5
9c. Is this the applicant’s first application?	5

**II. State Ranking Criteria (50 percent of total ranking score)**

<b>NWQI State Ranking Criteria</b>		<b>Points</b>
<b>Water Quality – EPA Watersheds</b>		
1	Does the application include core conservation practices that will be implemented within ¼ mile of a stream or water body that is threatened (i.e., receives significant runoff of excess nitrogen and/or phosphorous), on the EPA 303(d) list, or is impaired with a TMDL in place and therefore not on the 303(d) list (or other critical stream or water body authorized by the Regional Conservationist)?	100
<b>Geographic Impacts</b>		
2	Are core conservation practices planned on the offered acres? i. Greater than 75 percent of the offered acres are within the targeted watershed, AND ii. Greater than 75 percent of the offered acres have a core conservation practice planned for application	125
<b>Collaborative Efforts</b>		
3	Are core conservation practices planned within an existing State agency or other non-USDA water quality project area addressing the same or similar pollutants?	75
<b>Effort to Address Watershed Impacts</b>		
4	Does this program application include the implementation of a system of conservation practices which address the primary watershed impairments?	50
<b>High Risk Soils</b>		
5	Are core conservation practices to be implemented on offered acres with a majority of soil types that are classified hydrologic group D (high runoff) or group A (high infiltration)?	50

**III. Local Ranking Criteria (25 percent of total ranking score)**

<b>NWQI Local Ranking Criteria</b>		<b>Points</b>
<b>Water Quality – Excessive Suspended Sediment and Turbidity in Surface Water (Choose ALL that Apply)</b>		
1	Proposed conservation treatment will exclude livestock from all streams within the project area and agricultural operation.	5
2	Proposed conservation treatment will control seasonal runoff and the erosion hazards on more than 50 percent of the agricultural operation.	5
3	Proposed treatment will protect surface water by limiting irrigation runoff and suspended sediment leaving the project area and agricultural operation.	5
4	Proposed conservation treatment will result in installation of water and sediment control structures.	5
5	Proposed conservation treatment includes vegetative cover or mulch treatment for the project area and agricultural operation.	5
<b>Water Quality – Excessive Nutrients in Surface Water; Excessive Nutrients in Groundwater</b>		
6	Proposed conservation treatment will protect surface water by limiting irrigation runoff leaving the project area and agricultural operation.	5
7	Proposed conservation treatment results in implementation of conservation practices that will provide vegetative cover to prevent and control erosion and filter runoff, such as, cover crop, conservation cover, buffers and/or filter strips.	5
8	Proposed conservation treatment will result in implementation of the Nitrogen Quick Test method for pre-nitrogen (sidedress) applications.	10
9	Proposed conservation treatment includes the conservation practice, 590 – Nutrient Management, implementation with erosion control practices to control the loss of nitrogen and phosphorus from project area and agricultural operation.	10
<b>Water Quantity: Inefficient flows in Water Courses</b>		
10	Proposed conservation treatment will result in implementation of recommendations from the Ventura County Resource Conservation District mobile lab irrigation evaluation.	5
11	Proposed conservation treatment includes conservation practice, 449 – Irrigation Water Management, for a minimum of two consecutive years.	10
12	Proposed conservation treatment and water savings is greater than 20 percent.	5

<b>Fish and Wildlife: T&amp;E Species: Declining Species, Species of Concern</b>		
13	Proposed conservation treatment will increase native vegetation along stream corridor to filter, cover, add shelter, provide water and water, create space, and/or continuity for listed species of concern.	5
14	Proposed conservation treatment will filter sediment containing historic pesticides, nutrients and organics from entering waterways, ponds, streams, channels, agricultural ditches and is located upstream of an existing water quality monitoring station approved by the Ventura County Agricultural Irrigated Lands Group.	5
15	Proposed conservation treatment will address two or more wildlife criteria for an anadromous fish species.	5