

		Max Score	Raw Score
1. Economic	The evaluation of economic benefits for a project shall be based on the changes in economic conditions expected to result from the project, including but not limited to conditions related to:		
	(a) Job creation or retention;		
	(b) Increases in economic activity;		
	(c) Increases in efficiency or innovation;		
	(d) Enhancement of infrastructure, farmland, public resource lands, industrial lands, commercial lands or lands having other key uses;		
	(e) Enhanced economic value associated with tourism or recreational or commercial fishing, with fisheries involving native fish of cultural significance to Indian tribes or with other economic values resulting from restoring or protecting water in-stream; and		
	(f) Increases in irrigated land for agriculture.		
	Total Economic		
2. Environmental	The evaluation of environmental benefits for a project shall be based on the changes in environmental conditions expected to result from the project, including but not limited to conditions related to:		
	(a) A measurable improvement in protected streamflows that: (A) Supports the natural hydrograph; (B) Improves floodplain function; (C) Supports state or federally listed sensitive, threatened or endangered fish species; (D) Supports native fish species of cultural importance to Indian tribes; or (E) Supports riparian habitat important for wildlife;		
	(b) A measurable improvement in ground water levels that enhances environmental conditions in ground water restricted areas or other areas;		
	(c) A measurable improvement in the quality of surface water or ground water;		
	(d) Water conservation;		
	(e) Increased ecosystem resiliency to climate change impacts; and		
	(f) Improvements that address one or more limiting ecological factors in the project watershed.		
	Total Environmental		
	NOTE: <i>Projects that dedicate 25% of conserved or newly developed water instream automatically receive a median score in the environmental benefit category. The project may also demonstrate additional environmental benefits.</i>		
3. Social or Cultural	The evaluation of the social or cultural benefits for a project shall be based on the changes in social or cultural conditions expected to result from the project, including but not limited to conditions related to:		
	(a) The promotion of public health and safety and of local food systems;		
	(b) A measurable improvement in conditions for members of minority or low-income communities, economically distressed rural communities, tribal communities or other communities traditionally underrepresented in public processes;		
	(c) The promotion of recreation and scenic values;		
	(d) Contribution to the body of scientific data publicly available in this state;		
	(e) The promotion of state or local priorities, including but not limited to the restoration and protection of native fish species of cultural significance to Indian tribes; and		
	(f) The promotion of collaborative basin planning efforts, including but not limited to efforts under the state integrated water resources strategy.		
	Total Social or Cultural		
	Total Public Benefit Score		
4. Other	Preference points for collaboration. Repeat points from 3f here, if 3f ≥ a median score		
	Total Score with Preference Points		
	Protected Stream Flow Tie-Breaker, if needed. (If projects that propose to divert water have the same Total Public Benefit Score as other projects that propose to divert water, those projects that provide a measurable improvement in protected streamflows shall be ranked above those projects that propose to divert water but do not provide a measurable improvement in protected streamflows.)		
	Water Conservation Tie-Breaker, if needed. (If projects that propose to increase efficiency have the same Total Public Benefit Score as other projects that propose to increase efficiency, those projects that provide a measurable increased efficiency of water use shall be ranked above those projects that propose to increase efficiency but do not provide a measurable increased efficiency of water use.)		
	Total Score with Tie-Breakers		