

Attachment I: Drinking Water Revolving Fund Priority Scoring Model

Drinking Water Quality and Public Health	Points
The project addresses a documented waterborne disease outbreak associated with the system within the last 24 months.	35
Project corrects or prevents violations of MCLs (primary standards) ¹ .	(points may be scored in multiple categories)
	30
• Nitrate, nitrite, TCR.	25
• Total trihalomethanes, total haloacetic acids.	20
• Arsenic, selenium.	15
• Other regulated contaminants.	
Project corrects or prevents exceedances of MCLs for radionuclides.	35
Project corrects inadequate treatment techniques that are unable to satisfy the requirements for:	
• Surface water.	
• GWUDI.	20
• Groundwater.	(for one or more)
Project corrects exceedances of secondary drinking water standards.	10
The system has inadequate supply to meet all current domestic water supply demands. (The system must provide records of water usage to substantiate that supply is inadequate.)	25
Project will correct or prevent:	(points not additive, scored only in one category)
• Inadequate distribution due to system deterioration (e.g., experiencing multiple line breakages).	20
• Inadequate distribution due to chronic low pressure.	15
• Inadequate storage.	10
• Demand exceeding design capacity.	5
The project incorporates fluoridation.	10
Affordability*	Points

Median Household Income (MHI) of the service area.

• <50% of state MHI	35
• From 50% to 80% of state MHI.	20
• From 81% to 100% of state MHI.	5
• >100% of state MHI.	0

Affordability Continued	Points
User Fees (current water rate per tap compared to MHI):	
• Rates are >1.62%	45
• Rates from 1.14% to 1.62%	25
• Rates are <1.14%	0
OR	
User Fees for a combined water & sewer fund (current combined rates per tap compared to MHI)	
• Rates are >2.98%	
• Rates from 2.12% to 2.98%	45
• Rates are <2.12%	25
	0
Water debt per tap compared to MHV	
• Debt is >0.75%	45
• Debt from 0.25% to 0.75%	25
• Debt is <0.25%	0
OR	
Water & sewer debt (for combined systems) per tap compared to MHV:	
• Debt is >1.49%	45
• Debt from 0.64% to 1.49%	25
• Debt is <0.64%	0
Population served criteria:	
• <500	35
• From 500 to 999	25
• From 1,000 to 1,999	20
• From 2,000 to 4,999	15
• From 5,000 to 10,000	5
• >10,000	

Assessed Value/Household	0
• Assessed Value per household is <\$12,721	
• Assessed Value per household from \$12,721 to \$24,308	35
• Assessed Value per household from \$24,308 to \$46,143	20
• Assessed Value per household is greater than \$46,143	10
	0
*Affordability criteria are based on the most current available disadvantaged community benchmarks.	

CPDWR Compliance	Points (points not additive, scored only in one category)
The project addresses an enforcement action by a regulatory agency and the facility is currently in violation of CPDWRs.	30
The project addresses a facility's voluntary efforts to resolve a possible violation and will mitigate the issuance of a consent order, notice of violation or other enforcement action.	20
The project is designed to maintain CPDWR compliance, meet new requirements, or address contaminants included in the priority list submitted by the division to the commission for which standards may be considered.	15
The system is currently meeting all CPDWRs.	10
Source Protection and Conservation	Points
Project addresses vulnerability to potential pollution by conditions identified in an approved source water protection area assessment:	
• Point source discharge within a delineated area.	15
• Areas impacted by agricultural chemical use or run-off.	(for one or more)
• Area subject to oil/gas/mineral operations.	
• Unprotected watershed area.	
The project establishes a protective zone to address potential pollution as a result of wildfires in burn scar areas.	10
Utility rate structure currently in place:	(points not additive, scored only in one category)
	15
• Increasing block rates.	10
• Seasonal rates.	0
• Uniform.	

The project will implement water metering, leak detection and/or other water conservation and efficiency infrastructure applications at a minimum of 20% of total project costs.	10
Sustainability and Resiliency*	Points
Project seeks to:	
• Correct compliance issues, water quality problems, and/or water supply problems through physical consolidation and regionalization of water systems.	10
• Correct and/or improve security of the water system.	10
• Incorporate beneficial uses of water treatment plant sludge and/or alternative concentrate management options in an approved Beneficial Use Plan. ²	10
Project promotes sustainable utilities and/or communities through a utility management plan that:	
• Secures a replacement fund for the rehabilitation and replacement of aging and deteriorating infrastructure as needed.	5
• Provides sufficient revenues to meet O&M and capital needs.	5
• Demonstrates that the facility has maintained licensed/certified operators, adequate staffing to properly operate and maintain the facility and will continue to do so.	5
• Incorporates a fix-it-first planning methodology.	5
Readiness to Proceed	Points
Project has secured one or more of the following:	
• Plans and specifications approved.	10
Project has funding secured by multiple assistance provider	10

¹ This accommodates repeat violations and provides indicators for both chronic and acute health hazards

² The Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division is the agency responsible for implementing the Regulations Pertaining to the Beneficial Use of Water Treatment Sludge and Fees applicable to the Beneficial Use of Sludges pursuant to 5CCR1003-7.