

ATTACHMENT IV:

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
STATE REVOLVING FUND
PRIORITY LIST RANKING CRITERIA**
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A. WATER QUALITY OR PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS RELATED TO THE PROJECT

*May assign points to all that apply
(Give zero or full points only)*

Public Health

Is the purpose of the project to protect a public health? 75 ____

- e.g., public drinking water source from a leaking lagoon or pipes, sewer on-site systems, conservation easement for source water protection, sewage back-ups into homes, operator safety, contact recreation, surfacing sewage, flooding, etc.

Water Quality

Is the purpose of the project to reduce toxic effects to aquatic life? 25 ____

- e.g., ammonia or metals toxicity in a surface water discharge

Is the purpose of the project to reduce sediment loading to a surface water body? 25 ____

- e.g., Channel storm water runoff to settling ponds.
Protect streambanks by providing alternate sources of stockwater.
Install buffer strips between fields and streams.
Generally green infrastructure.

Is the purpose of the project to reduce nutrients in a surface water body? 25 ____

- e.g., Implement nutrient management plans to prevent excess fertilizer use.
Install waste control structures at animal feeding operations.
(Note: Concentrated animal feeding operations do not qualify for nonpoint source projects.)
Improve irrigation water use management to reduce return flows.
Replace failing septic tanks or sewer the area.

Is the purpose of the project for compliance with national secondary standards? 25 ____

- e.g., national secondary standards or basic stabilization req. are not met

Is the proposed project to help meet a TMDL? 50 ____

Project addresses a formal state or federal enforcement action? 50 ____

Project to address an emerging contaminant? 25 ____

- e.g., Emerging Contaminants (ECs) are characterized as substances and microorganisms, including manufactured or naturally occurring physical, chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear materials, which are known as anticipated in the environment, that may pose newly identified or re-emerging risks to human health, aquatic life, or the environment. Example ECs include: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) as well as some compounds of personal care products, pharmaceuticals, industrial chemicals, pesticides.

TOTAL POINTS IN WATER QUALITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS _____

B. EFFECTIVENESS OF PROPOSED PROJECT IN IMPROVING WATER QUALITY OR PUBLIC HEALTH

Pick one of the following:

Project is expected to eliminate health hazards or restore local water body to fully supporting all uses that are impacted by the activity: **100** _____

Examples: All septic tanks in an area are being replaced by sewer.
A small stream is listed for nutrients and the primary source of the nutrients is the WWTP and BNR, total retention or spray irrigation is proposed.
(Note: This scenario would probably only apply for a large discharge in a small stream.)
Stormwater project which eliminates flooding that is public health related.
Eliminate sewer backups into homes.

Any project that directly improves the quality of ground or surface water, but may not fully restore uses as indicated above. **50** _____

Examples: Stormwater retention to prevent runoff from reaching sediment-impacted stream.
I/I correction to eliminate SSOs or to improve treatment efficiency.
Separation of sanitary and storm sewers.
WWTP upgrade that improves treatment capabilities/effluent quality.
Fix existing leaking lagoons (unless conversion to spray irrigation or total retention, in which case, it may be given more points as indicated above).
Replacement of failing lift station.

Project is primarily designed to improve infrastructure and/or may not have direct impacts to improving water quality. **25** _____

Examples: Stormwater collection not related to public health or safety.
Upgrading unit processes – not expected to reduce pollution.
Landfills and related equipment.
Replacing old collection systems – not related to treatment improvement or overflows.

TOTAL POINTS FOR WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT _____

C. ACTIVITY-SPECIFIC CRITERIA

Select either category 1 (Point Source Projects) or 2 (Nonpoint Source Projects) below.

1. Wastewater Projects

May assign points in all categories that apply
(Give 0 points or full points only)

Capacity Issues

10 _____

One or more-unit processes is nearing or beyond capacity, resulting in adverse impacts to performance.

Reliability or Obsolescence

10 _____

Reliability and/or equipment obsolescence is adversely affecting one or more existing unit processes and the proposed project will replace or upgrade the unit process. (This could include leaking lagoons or pipes.)

Beneficial Use

20 _____

Proposed project involves beneficial use of biosolids or treated wastewater resulting in reduction or elimination of a discharge to state water AND provides some further benefit such as the growth of crops or turf, industrial reuse.

Water Conservation

10 _____

Water meters are installed in the entire project area.

An I/I reduction program is being implemented or will be part of the proposed project OR I/I is currently less than 20% of the total wastewater flow on an annual basis (i.e., I/I is not a significant problem).

10 _____

Energy Conservation

10 _____

Proposed project reduces energy consumption or includes energy reducing principles or technologies.

Green Project Reserve

20 _____

Proposed project will address green infrastructure, water or energy efficiency improvements, or other environmentally innovative activities (e.g., stormwater management (e.g., green streets, riparian buffers, sustainable landscaping), incorporated renewable energy, projects that result in 20% reduction in energy, installation of water meters, water reuse, II correction, etc.)

Climate Resilience

10 _____

Proposed project will construct levies/berms to protect facility from flooding, installation of backup generators, floodproofing of structures, etc.

Security/Cybersecurity

10 _____

Proposed project will install fencing, provide security cameras/security lighting/motion detectors, will project implement cybersecurity measures, etc.

Other:

10 _____

Enter Details:

TOTAL POINTS FOR WASTEWATER PROJECTS

2. Nonpoint Source Projects

*May assign points in all categories
(Give 0 points or full points)*

The proposed project will improve water use efficiency 20 _____

Examples: Improve irrigation water use management to increase return flows or groundwater recharge or to decrease stream withdrawals.

Proposed project will have beneficial uses in addition to water quality protection such as promoting wildlife habitat. 25 _____

Examples: Construct, restore, and protect wetlands
Projects designed to increase in-stream flows to protect aquatic life.
Stream bank restoration, green stormwater projects such as green roofs, vegetated swales, wetlands treatment, etc.

The proposed project's primary purpose is to protect water quality or public health. 25 _____

Example: Sewering in area with on-site systems to protect DW supply.

TOTAL POINTS FOR NONPOINT SOURCE PROJECTS _____

D. READINESS TO PROCEED

May assign points for each category.

Engineer has been formally hired for planning and design **20** _____
(0 or full points only)

Planning document or complete, conceptual plan has been approved by SRF program **20** _____
at DEQ. (10 points for submittal of draft planning document)

All other project funding is in place. **20** _____
(0 or full points only)

Rates and Charges are in place and deemed by SRF adequate to cover loan **10** _____
(0 or full points only)

Final plans and specs have been approved or final project approval has been given by **20** _____
SRF program. (10 points for submittal of draft P&S)

Construction is expected to begin with the next 12 months **75** _____

TOTAL POINTS FOR READINESS TO PROCEED _____

E. TOTAL PRIORITY POINTS

Refinancing of existing long-term debt: (total project points) **10** _____

Interim financing: (total project points) **25** _____

TOTAL POINTS IN CATEGORY A. (Purpose) _____
(Maximum points -- 300)

TOTAL POINTS IN CATEGORY B. (Effectiveness) _____
(Maximum points -- 100)

TOTAL POINTS IN CATEGORY C. (Activity-specific) _____
(maximum points -- 120)

TOTAL POINTS IN CATEGORY D. (Readiness) _____
(maximum points -- 165)

TOTAL PRIORITY POINTS _____

Ranked By: _____ Date: _____

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