

APPENDIX A – PRIORITY POINT ACTIVITIES AND VALUES

Category 1: Water Quality

Activity #	a. Immediate Action	Points	Exclusions ¹
1	Surface Water Treatment Rule Violation	50	None
2	Microbiological MCL Violation (E. Coli)	50	1
3	Nitrate MCL Violation	50	None
4	Nitrite MCL Violation	50	None
5	Lead Action Level Exceedance ²	50	None
6	DPH Determination of Acute Health Risk for Other Contaminants	50	None
7	Arsenic	40	None
Activity #	b. Non-Acute MCL Violations	Points	Exclusions ¹
8	Radioactivity MCL Violations	30	None
9	Inorganic Chemical MCL Violations	30	3-7
10	Organic Chemical MCL Violations (excluding total trihalomethanes)	30	None
11	Pesticides, Herbicides and PCBs MCL Violations	30	None
12	Disinfection By-Product MCL Violations	30	None
Activity #	c. Emerging Contaminants	Points	Exclusions ¹
13	PFAS Exceeding the EPA MCL	30	14
14	PFAS Detected at or Below the EPA MCL	20	13
15	Other Emerging Contaminant on an EPA Contaminant Candidate List (CCL) Exceeding an Established Action Level	25	None
16	Other Emerging Contaminant on an EPA Contaminant Candidate List (CCL) at or Below an Established Action Level	15	None
17	Other Emerging Contaminant on an EPA Contaminant Candidate List (CCL) which does not have as Established Action Level	10	None
Activity #	d. Other Contaminants of Health Concern	Points	Exclusions ¹
18	DPH Action Level Exceedance (excluding lead and copper)	25	5, 13-17, 20
19	Contaminant Exceeds 50% of MCL	20	1-12
20	Copper Action Level Exceedance	20	5,13-18

¹ Exclusion column indicates activity #'s that would be ineligible for additional points if the activities associated with those points are the same. Where 2 or more activities conflict the higher point activity shall be assigned to the project. These potential exclusions are typically displayed with the lower point value activity.

² Eligible schools and child care facilities with lead levels at or above 75% of the lead action level would qualify for this activity.

Activity #	e. Physical/EPA Secondary MCL Exceedances	Points	Exclusions ¹
21	Turbidity Limit Exceedance	10	1
22	Odor Limit Exceedance	10	None
23	Color Limit Exceedance	10	None
24	pH Outside Range of 6.4 - 10	10	None
25	EPA Secondary MCL Exceedance	10	9,13-19,22-24
Activity #	f. Private Wells	Points	Exclusions ¹
26	Water Main Extension to Serve Private Wells with MCL Violations	30	1-25, 27-29
27	Water Main Extension to Serve Private Wells with Action Level Exceedances	25	1-26, 28-29
28	Creation of New PWS to Serve Private Wells with MCL Violations	30	1-27, 29
29	Creation of New PWS to Serve Private Wells with Action Level Exceedances	25	1-28

Category 2: Water Supply /Conservation

Activity #	a. Source Water Deficits (Maximum 40 pts from this subcategory)	Points	Exclusions ¹
30	New Groundwater Well Development	40	None
31	Rehabilitation of Existing Groundwater Wells	40	None
32	Interconnection to Purchase Water from Another Community PWS	40	None
Activity #	b. System Capacity Deficits	Points	Exclusions ¹
33	System Capacity Deficit	20	None
Activity #	c. Source Development (Maximum 10 pts from this subcategory)	Points	Exclusions ¹
34	New Groundwater Well Development	10	30
35	Rehabilitation of Existing Groundwater Wells	10	31
Activity #	d. Conservation/Water Loss Reduction	Points	Exclusions ¹
36	Installation of Source Water Meters (previously unmetered) ³	25	30-32, 34-35
37	Installation of Distribution Meters (previously unmetered) ³	25	None
38	Replacement of Source or Distribution Meters ³	15	None
39	Incorporation of Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) technology (real-time metering) ³	10	None
40	Water Transmission Main Rehabilitation or Replacement	15	None
41	Water Distribution Main Rehabilitation or Replacement	10	None
42	Project Will Significantly Reduce Water Loss (i.e. Unaccounted-for or Non-Revenue Losses)	10	36-39
Activity #	e. Water Main Extension to Replace Private Wells with Inadequate Supply	Points	Exclusions ¹
43	Water Main Extension (complete Private/Non-Public Well Consolidation Form)	30	1-25, 28-29

³ The primary purpose of the project must be for the installation or replacement of meters to qualify for these points.

Category 3: Infrastructure Violations/Deficiencies/Safety Hazards/Failures

Activity #	Elements	Points	Exclusions ¹
44	Infrastructure Violation/Deficiency/Safety Hazard/Failure (Source to Curb Stop)	10	36
45	Hydropneumatic Storage Tank Replacement/Elimination	50	None

Category 4: Consolidation (Maximum 20 pts from Activities 47 and 48 combined)

Activity #	Elements	Points	Exclusions ¹
46	Consolidation of a Community PWS	15 each	None
47	Consolidation of a Non-Transient Non-Community PWS	10 each	None
48	Consolidation of a Transient Non-Community PWS	5 each	None

Category 5: Resiliency/Security

Activity #	a. Resiliency	Points	Exclusions ¹
49	Regional Interconnection with Another Community PWS	15	32
50	Relocation of Critical Facilities ⁴	10	None
51	Redundancy of Critical Facilities ⁴	10	None
Activity #	b. Planning (Maximum 50 pts from this subcategory) ⁵	Points	Exclusions ¹
52	Climate Change/Drought Planning	50	1-51, 53-73
53	Asset Management Planning	50	1-52, 54-73
54	Cybersecurity Assessment/Planning	50	1-53, 55-75
Activity #	c. Security ⁶	Points	Exclusions ¹
55	Security Fencing, Alarms, Surveillance Systems or Other Security Measures	5	52-54, 75
56	Project includes a cybersecurity improvement based on a cyber assessment	10	52-54, 75
Activity #	d. Emergency Power Provisions for Existing Critical Facilities	Points	Exclusions ¹
57	New (does not currently exist) ⁷	50	1-55, 58-75
58	Replacement or Upgrades ⁷	20	1-55, 59-75
59	Included as Part of a Larger Project	5	None

⁴ Project must be supported by a formal resiliency or climate change plan to qualify for these points.

⁵ Points are only awarded for the creation of an initial plan.

⁶ Security points may awarded to projects with existing security provisions or for the installation of new security provisions.

⁷ Project must be only an emergency power project to qualify for these points.

Category 6: Other Capital Improvements

Activity #	Elements	Points	Exclusions ¹
61	Treatment Facilities	10	None
61	Pumping Facilities	5	None
62	Storage Facilities	5	45
63	Transmission or Distribution System	5	40-41
64	Facility Automation (SCADA)	5	None
65	Internal Building Piping Replacement (as part of Lead or Copper remediation) (only for those PWS which owns all internal plumbing, e.g. school which is also a PWS)	10	None
66	Other Eligible Capital Improvements	5	All except: 44, 50, 51, 55, 59, 67, 72-74, 76-78
67	Project is a result of AWOP (Area-Wide Optimization Program)	10	None

Category 7: Lead Service Line Inventory & Replacement

Activity #	Elements	Points	Exclusions ¹
68	Lead Service Line Inventory (planning)	50	1-4, 6-67, 69-75
69	Lead Service Line Replacement (Design/Construction)	50	1-4, 6-68, 70-75
70	Lead gooseneck, pigtails, connectors only (removal/replacement)	40	1-4, 6-69, 71-75

Category 8: Sustainability/Statewide Planning Recognition

Activity #	Elements	Points	Exclusions ¹
71	Acquisition/Transfer of a Community PWS	10	None
72	Project is supported by an on-going Asset Management Program	10	73
73	Project is supported in a PWS's Water Supply Plan pursuant to RCSA Section 25-32d-3	5	72
74	Project Identified in a Statewide or Regional Water Planning Document under DPH oversight	10	None

Category 9: Individual Planning Projects

Activity #	Elements	Points	Exclusions ¹
75	Broad -based Drinking Water Infrastructure Planning	50	1-74

Category 10: Affordability

Activity #	Elements	Points	Exclusions ¹
76	Greater than 50% of the Project Benefits Directed to Census Tracts within a Distressed Municipality	10	77,78
77	Median Disadvantaged Community Index ≥ 0.5000	10	76,78
78	Meets both affordability conditions (75 and 76)	15	76,77