



B. Project Selection Worksheet (Worksheet A)

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Worksheet A

Criteria for Inclusion of Projects in OPTI IRWM Plan

Reviewer Name:

Project Title and #:

Stage I: Does the project meet basic information criteria that should allow it to be in the OPTI data base for general public viewing?

Is the project a useful conceptual project which addresses IRWM objectives and targets? The information that must be provided is shown with a single asterisk on the project form. If yes, the project will be accepted into the database for public viewing assuming basic information on the project concept is included and certain questions are answered affirmatively. (There will be a special designation for conceptual projects.) Or, alternatively, see Stage II.

Stage II: Does the Project meet criteria that should allow it to be included in the IRWM Plan?

Are key elements of a project complete enough that the SC can determine that the project will meet DWR requirements and GLAC Region IRWM objectives and targets, and that it is implementable either in the short or long term? The information that must be provided is shown with a double asterisk on the project form.

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#	DWR General Plan Requirement/ Key Steering Committee Criteria	OPTI source of information	Score	Added explanations and comments
1.	The project contributes to the IRWM Plan Objectives (page 46 Draft Guidelines Appendix C)	At least one item is selected under the “Benefits” section of the “Benefits” tab	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Addressed <input type="checkbox"/> Fully Addressed	
2.	Explain how the project is related to resource management strategies. Does the Project contribute to the diversification of the water management portfolio? If so, how? (page 46 Draft Guidelines Appendix C) Project includes one or more of the following elements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water supply reliability • Stormwater capture, storage, cleanup, treatment, management • Removal of invasive, non-natives, creation and enhancement of wetlands, acquisition, protection and restoration of open space and watershed lands • Non-point source pollution reduction , management, monitoring • Groundwater recharge and management • Contaminant and salt removal through reclamation, desalting, and other treatment tech, and conveyance of reclaimed water for distribution • Water banking, exchange, reclamation and improvement of water quality • Planning and implementation of multipurpose flood management programs, • Watershed protection and management • Drinking water treatment and distribution, • Ecosystem and fisheries restoration and protection 	Identified under any of the items in the “Benefits” tab under “Resource Management Strategies”.	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Addressed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially Addressed <input type="checkbox"/> Fully Addressed	

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3.	Technical feasibility is addressed – Is there enough known about the geologic conditions, hydrology, geology of the project location? Is critical information missing? Will the methods, materials, equipment proposed result in a successful outcome (will the benefits claimed be actualized?) (page 47 Draft Guidelines Appendix C)	All required items under “Feasibility” tab completed.	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Addressed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially Addressed <input type="checkbox"/> Fully Addressed	
4.	Addresses whether there are specific benefits to DAC community water issues (page 47 Draft Guidelines Appendix C)	DAC identified under “Other Considerations” tab	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
5.	Addresses whether there are specific benefits to critical water issues for Native American tribal communities (page 47 Draft Guidelines Appendix C)	Native American tribal communities benefits identified under “Other Considerations” tab	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
6.	Addresses whether environmental justice considerations are applicable (page 47 Draft Guidelines Appendix C)	Identified under “Other Considerations” tab	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
7.	Costs and financing are included The basis for the project costs needs to be documented in the IRWM Plan. Are the funding sources discussed? (page 47 Draft Guidelines Appendix C)	All required items under “Cost” tab are completed. Also review funding sources question.	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Addressed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially Addressed <input type="checkbox"/> Fully Addressed	

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8.	<p>Project's economic feasibility is addressed</p> <p>A preliminary economic analysis must be included as part of the criteria in project selection based on studies within the last five years and updated to most current data available. The method used must include the types of benefits and types of costs including capital costs, O&M costs, and potential adverse effects to others from the project (see Guidebook pages 14 and 22.) (page 47-48 Draft Guidelines Appendix C)</p>	<p>Reasonable amount of project costs already funded under "Cost" tab.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Addressed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Partially Addressed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fully Addressed</p>	
9.	<p>Project timing and status is addressed</p> <p>Projects do not necessarily have to be ready to proceed to be included in the Plan, however some funding sources may require a specific timeframe (page 48 Draft Guidelines Appendix C)</p>	<p>Project status and start date addressed under "Feasibility" tab.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Addressed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Partially Addressed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fully Addressed</p>	
10.	<p>Climate change adaptation addressed (page 48 Draft Guidelines Appendix C)</p>	<p>"Climate Change/Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction" Section under "Other Considerations" tab</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Addressed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Partially Addressed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fully Addressed</p>	

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11.	GHG emissions are considered (page 48 Draft Guidelines Appendix C)	“Climate Change/Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction” Section under “Other Considerations” tab	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Addressed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially Addressed <input type="checkbox"/> Fully Addressed	
12.	Project proponent has adopted or will adopt the IRWM Plan	Identified under “Other Considerations” tab	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Addressed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially Addressed <input type="checkbox"/> Fully Addressed	
13.	Project will reduce dependence on Delta for water supply	“Water supply/ groundwater” selected as a benefit under the “Benefits” tab.	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Addressed <input type="checkbox"/> Partially Addressed <input type="checkbox"/> Fully Addressed	

Once scored, projects should be reviewed for **strategic considerations**:

1. Are there geographically adjacent projects that should be recommended for integration?
2. Are there projects that should be considered for integration based on similar technical objectives

The objective here is to use the regional perspective to leverage any efficiency that might be gained by combining or modifying local projects into regional projects. The Leadership committee must consider the project’s merit in light of strategic aspects of plan implementation such as:

- Purposely restructuring or integrating projects
- Purposely implementing a project as is
- Purposefully meeting project goals with an alternative project/modified project
- Plan objective priorities

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- Purposefully implementing regional projects
- Purposefully implementing projects with multi-benefits

The attached agency/organization eligibility questionnaire should be sent to each project proponent to determine whether their agency/organization will be eligible for grant funding, and should be included in the committee's consideration of project prioritization.

Based on SC evaluation to the the responses above, The Steering Committee will direct their Regional Administrator to:

1. Accept the project in OPTI, recommend to the Leadership Committee for inclusion in the Plan as an IRWM project, and/or
2. Ask the project proponent for additional information and provide a due date for that response, and review the project again once the information is received for consideration in the upcoming grant cycle.

