

SB 839 Scoring and Ranking

SECTION 8. Each category of benefits shall be given equal importance in the evaluation of a project.

The evaluation must consider both positive and negative effects of a project.

The commission shall award loan and grant funding from the account to the projects that have the greatest public benefit and will best achieve the outcomes described in section 9 of this 2013 Act.

Section 9. Design the minimum criteria for the project scoring and ranking system to achieve the following outcomes:

(a) The issuance of grants or loans only to projects that provide benefits in each of the three categories of public benefit

(b) Preference for partnerships and collaborative projects.

(c) The funding of projects of diverse sizes, types and geographic locations.

(d) If a project proposes to divert water, preference for projects that provide a measurable improvement in protected streamflows.

(e) If a project proposes to increase efficiency, preference for projects that provide a measurable increased efficiency of water use.

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Economic	(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.		
		Meets Minimum Points?	Raw Score Total
		_____ (Y/N)	_____
Environmental	(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.		
		Meets Minimum Points?	Raw Score Total
		_____ (Y/N)	_____
	OR		
	Dedicate 25% Instream (automatic 20 points)	Yes	_____
Social/Cultural	(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.		
	Meets Minimum Points?	Raw Score Total	
	_____ (Y/N)	_____	

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