



Ranking Pool Report

Ranking Pool: CA ACEP-ALE GSS FY 2024

Program: ACEP

Pool Status: Active

States: CA (Admin)

Template: ACEP-ALE GSS (Program Agreements)

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Land Uses and Modifiers

Land Use	Grazed	Wildlife	Irrigated	Hayed	Drained	Organic	Water Feature	Protected	Urban	Aquaculture
Associated Ag Land	x	x	x	x	N/A	x	x	x	x	x
Crop	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Developed Land	N/A	x	x	N/A	N/A	x	x	x	x	x
Farmstead	x	x	x	N/A	N/A	x	x	x	x	x
Forest	x	x	x	N/A	N/A	x	x	x	x	x
Other Rural Land	x	x	x	N/A	N/A	x	x	x	x	x
Pasture	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Range	x	x	N/A	x	N/A	x	x	x	x	x
Water	N/A	x	N/A	N/A	N/A	x	x	x	x	x

Resource Concern Categories

Categories			
Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Concentrated erosion	0	2	20
Degraded plant condition	5	5	50
Field pesticide loss	0	--	20
Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss	0	--	50
Livestock production limitation	5	5	50
Long term protection of land	35	75	75
Pest pressure	0	2	40
Salt losses to water	0	--	20
Soil quality limitations	0	2	45
Source water depletion	0	3	40
Storage and handling of pollutants	0	--	25

Categories

Category	Min %	Default %	Max %
Terrestrial habitat	0	4	40
Wind and water erosion	0	2	10

Concentrated erosion

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Bank erosion from streams, shorelines or water conveyance channels	0	20	100
Classic gully erosion	0	40	100
Ephemeral gully erosion	0	40	100

Degraded plant condition

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Plant productivity and health	0	50	100
Plant structure and composition	0	50	100

Field pesticide loss

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Pesticides transported to groundwater	0	50	100
Pesticides transported to surface water	0	50	100

Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Nutrients transported to groundwater	0	20	100
Nutrients transported to surface water	0	20	100
Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to groundwater	0	20	100
Pathogens and chemicals from manure, biosolids or compost applications transported to surface water	0	20	100
Sediment transported to surface water	0	20	100

Livestock production limitation

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Feed and forage balance	0	40	100
Inadequate livestock shelter	0	15	100
Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality and distribution	0	45	100

Long term protection of land

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
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Long term protection of land

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Threat of conversion	100	100	100

Pest pressure

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Plant pest pressure	0	100	100

Salt losses to water

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Salts transported to groundwater	0	50	100
Salts transported to surface water	0	50	100

Soil quality limitations

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Aggregate instability	0	--	100
Compaction	0	25	100
Concentration of salts or other chemicals	0	15	100
Organic matter depletion	0	25	100
Soil organism habitat loss or degradation	0	20	100
Subsidence	0	15	100

Source water depletion

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Groundwater depletion	0	35	100
Inefficient irrigation water use	0	35	100
Surface water depletion	0	30	100

Storage and handling of pollutants

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Nutrients transported to groundwater	0	25	100
Nutrients transported to surface water	0	25	100
Petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants transported to groundwater	0	25	100
Petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants transported to surface water	0	25	100

Terrestrial habitat

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Terrestrial habitat for wildlife and invertebrates	0	100	100

Wind and water erosion

Resource Concern	Min %	Default %	Max %
Sheet and rill erosion	0	50	100
Wind erosion	0	50	100


Practices

Practice Name	Practice Code	Practice Type
Acquisition Process - Environmental Database Records Search	LTAPERS	Easements
Acquisition Process - Ingress Egress	LTAPIE	Easements
Acquisition Process - Appraisal Technical Review First Review	LTAPTR1	Easements
Acquisition Process - Appraisal Technical Review Second Review	LTAPTR2	Easements
Long-Term Protection of Land - Permanent Easement	LTPPE	Easements

Ranking Weights

Factors	Algorithm	Allowable Min	Default	Allowable Max
Vulnerabilities	Default	5	5	20
Planned Practice Effects	Default	5	5	10
Resource Priorities	Default	35	40	50
Program Priorities	Default	40	50	50
Efficiencies	Default	0	0	0

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 An asterisk will be displayed to show that it is a conditional section or conditional question.

Survey: Applicability Questions

Section: Applicability Questions		
Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is this a rangeland, pastureland, grassland or non-industrial forestland application where a landowner is working with an Eligible Entity to apply for ACEP-ALE GSS Funding (Non-RCPP) through a Program Agreement?	Yes	--
	No	--

Survey: Category Questions

Section: Category Questions		
Question	Answer Choices	Points

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Question	Answer Choices	Points
Is this application within the State of California?	Yes	--
	No	--

Survey: Program Questions

Section: Program Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
1a: CPA 41A-Land Eligibility Category Productive soils: Percentage of prime, unique, statewide or soils of local importance that would be protected on the ALE Parcel. Justification (required) USDA soil survey map, may also include CA DOC FMMP layer if applicable.	N/A, Grazing Uses enrollment	0
	>90-100%	30
	>80-90%	25
	>70-80%	15
	>60-70%	10
	>50-60%	5
	0-50%	0
1b. CPA 41A-ALE Parcel application Land Eligibility Category Protects Grazing Uses: Percentage of range land, grazing land that would be protected on the parcel.	Not applicable, application CPA 41A-ALE Productive Soils category (reference ranking question 1a)	0
	91-100%	30
	81-90%	25
	71-80%	15
	61-70%	10
	51-60%	5
Percentage of cropland, rangeland, grassland, pastureland on the ALE Parcel. Do not include building envelopes, farmstead, developed land, or associated non-agricultural lands. Justification required land use map including legend or statement.	91-100%	30
	81-90%	25
	66-80%	15
	51-65%	10
	34-50%	5
	0-33%	0
Ratio of the total ALE Parcel size to be protected versus the average farm size in the county. Justification www.agcensus.usda.gov	>3 ratio	15
	2-3 ratio	10
	1-1.9 ratio	5
	< 1	0

Section: Program Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Decrease of farm and ranch land acreage in the county between the last two USDA Censuses of Agriculture. www.agcensus.usda.gov	Decrease greater than 15%	15
	Decrease 11-15%	12
	Decrease 6-10%	8
	Decrease 1-5%	4
	Decrease 0% or an Increase	0
Decrease in the percentage of acreage of permanent grassland, pasture, and rangeland, other than cropland and woodland pasture, in the county between last two USDA censuses of Agriculture. (www.agcensus.usda.gov)	Decrease farm and ranch land in county greater than 15%. (negative value)	15
	Decrease farm and ranch land in county 11-15%. (negative value)	12
	Decrease farm and ranch land in county 6-10%. (negative value)	8
	Decrease farm and ranch land in county 1-5%. (negative value)	4
	0% or increase value (positive value)	0
Ratio of population growth in the county versus the statewide growth rate as documented by the most recent U.S. census. (www.census.gov)	greater than 3%	15
	2 - 3%	10
	1 to 1.9%	5
	< less than 1%	0
Ratio of county population density (population per square mile) versus statewide population density based on the most recent U.S. census. (www.census.gov)	> 3	15
	2-3	10
	1-1.9	5
	<1	0
Proximity of the ALE Parcel to other protected land within 1 mile radius. Such as land owned fee title by Indian Tribe federal, state, or local government or by NGO.	>500 acres within 1 mile	20
	251 - 500 acres within 1 mile	15
	100 - 250 acres within 1 mile	10
	< 100 acres within 1 mile	7.5
	No protected lands within 1 mile or insufficient acreage	0
Proximity of the ALE Parcel to other agriculture operations and infrastructure within 1 mile radius.	> 500 acres within 1 mile	15
	251 - 500 acres within 1 mile	10
	100 - 250 acres within 1 mile	5
	< 100 acres within 1 mile	0
ALE Parcel ability to maximize the protection of contiguous or adjacent agricultural easements.	Parcel links two agricultural easements	20
	Parcel is adjacent to an agricultural easement	15
	Parcel is non-contiguous to an agricultural easement	0
Evidence of farm or ranch succession plan or similar plan established to address agricultural viability for future generations.	Written Plan by industry professional.	5
	Written plan.	3
	No plan.	0

Section: Program Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
Parcel is currently enrolled in a CRP contract that is set to expire within a year and is a grassland that would be protected by the easement.	Yes	5
	No	0
ALE Parcel land is grassland of special environmental significance (GSS) application, with NRCS approved evaluation, that will benefit from the protection under the long-term easement.	Yes	5
	No	0
Percentage of the Fair Market Value (FMV) of the ALE Parcel easement that is the eligible entity's own cash resources contribution for easement acquisition and comes from a source other than the landowner. Refer to CPA-41A Section D.	>75%	15
	51-74%	10
	50%	7.5
	25-49%	5
	< 25%	0

Survey: Resource Questions

Section: Resource Questions

Question	Answer Choices	Points
ALE Parcel is located in an area zoned for agricultural use with a minimum ag zoning designation.	< 40 acres	15
	40-80 acres	10
	81-160 acres	7.5
	> 160 acres	5
Number of potential legal parcels under current zoning.	> 10	20
	5 - 10	15
	1 - 4	10
	0	0
Proximity to Sphere of Influence of an incorporated city.	< 0.5 mile	15
	0.5 to 1 mile	10
	1.1 to 2 miles	5
	2.1 to 4 miles	3
	> 4 miles	0
Agricultural water supply provided from more than one source (i.e. riparian, surface from water district, well). Multiple response may apply	More than one source.	5
	1st priority or adjudicated water right.	5
	None or not applicable	0
ALE Parcel is located within a region where enrollment will help achieve National, State, or Regional conservation goals and objectives, or enhance existing government or private conservation projects. (Do not include a general plan citation unless it specifically identifies the area of the proposed ALE easement for agricultural conservation).	Yes	10
	No	0
Eligible Entity has a strategic farmland protection plan with specific agricultural focal areas identified. Proposed ALE parcel must be included within a focal area.	Yes	10
	No	0

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Question	Answer Choices	Points
Unique multifunctional benefits of farm and ranch land long term protection, specific to the ALE Parcel. Multiple response may apply.	Social	5
	Economic	5
	Climate Change Resiliency	5
	Parcel's access to agricultural markets	5
	On-site processing facilities for ag. products	5
	None or not applicable	0
Property will protect at-risk species and/or habitat types. Multiple response may apply.	At-risk species	10
	At-risk habitats that have experienced disproportionately higher rate of loss in CA, such as vernal pools or riparian habitat	10
	None or not applicable	0
Eligible Entity's experience in managing and enforcing agricultural easements (number of ag. easements held).	> 10	10
	5 - 9	5
	1 - 4	3
	0	0
Eligible Entity has Land Trust Alliance (LTA) Accreditation.	Yes	5
	No	0
Eligible Entity's average efficiency closing NRCS easements. If no NRCS easements are held, entity must provide evidence of closing efficiency for other easements.	Under or equal to 2 years	5
	Over 2 years	0
Eligible Entity's performance monitoring NRCS easements. If no NRCS easements are held, entity must provide evidence of annual monitoring for other easements.	100%	5
	75-99%	3
	<75%	0
	Not applicable	0
Letters of Support (NRCS or RCD support letters do not count).	4 or more	10
	3	7.5
	2	5
	1	2.5
	None	0
Landowner has a Conservation Plan, Grazing Management Plan, Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (do not include HEL compliance plan) and is actively implementing conservation practices on the easement offering (plan must be provided to NRCS) or agricultural land easement plans included by Entity deed terms that will specifically address long-term agricultural viability of the land.	Yes	10
	No	0
Parcel contains historical or archeological resources that will be protected by the easement (cultural resource must be recognized by SHPO/NRHP, National or State Historic Register).	Yes	5
	No	0