

Eligibility Requirements

Projects must address at least **one** of the following priorities to qualify for further evaluation and inclusion in the SEP/ECA List. To the extent that they apply to your project, please make sure to describe these in your proposal.

1. Does the project address [an environmental justice \(EJ\) issue or benefit a disadvantaged community \(DAC\)](#)?
2. Does the project address [DAC water related infrastructure needs](#)?
3. Does the project promote [preservation or restoration of aquatic ecosystems in the San Diego Region](#)?
4. Does the project implement or further [recovery of streams, wetlands, and riparian systems](#)?
5. Does the project implement or further the [monitoring and assessment framework](#) in the San Diego Water Board's [Practical Vision Chapter 2](#)?
6. Does the project implement or further a strategy for achieving a [sustainable local water supply](#)?

Project Attributes

Eligible projects will also be evaluated based on the following attributes. To the extent that they apply to your project, please make sure to describe these in your proposal.

1. Does the project directly contribute to improvements of water quality objectives and/or beneficial uses?
2. Does the project propose measurable environmental outcomes?
3. Does the project demonstrate sustained longevity of environmental outcomes (e.g., conservation, maintenance endowments, easements, monitoring)?
4. Is the project part of a larger vetted, adopted, or established plan with support from multiple and diverse partners?
5. Does the project improve conditions for a [303\(d\) limited segment](#) or preserve conditions in a [high quality water body](#)?
6. Does the project improve a designated priority listed in a [Water Quality Improvement Plan](#)?
7. Does the project improve conditions of a [key beneficial use category in a key area](#)?
8. Does the project address the source of the problem at/near the source of the problem?
9. Does the project address problems to sensitive/vulnerable/rare places/waters/uses?
10. Can the project be used for leverage for other funding/actions/benefits?
11. Does the project provide a cost-effective means of attaining water quality goals?
12. Does the project integrate outreach and education to targeted audiences?

Applicant Attributes

1. Does the applicant have an established record of project completion with the Water Board?
2. Does the applicant have a record of project completion with other awarding agencies?
3. Does the applicant demonstrate a commitment to continue the water quality/restoration effort into the future, beyond the elements which are sought for funding?
4. Does the applicant have the institutional stability and capacity to complete the project including the ability to accomplish the work and provide the products and reports expected?