

Water Optimization Grant Program - FY2023 ARPA Spring Ranking			
Criteria #	Ranking Question	Response	Points Awarded
1	Who will benefit from this project?	Stakeholder(s) may realize a beneficial use (including environmental) due to the reduction in water diverted from streams, reservoirs, or aquifers (20 points) The irrigation company or water conservancy district (10 points) On-farm, individual water user (if irrigated acres are increased, project is ineligible for program) (0 points)	20
2	Do you currently have a financial agreement or additional contract with another entity to fund this project?	Yes (20 points) No (0 points)	20
3	Cost per acre foot? Based on total cost of the project.	Under \$500 (20 points) \$500 - \$1,500 (15 points) \$1,501 - \$2,500 (10 points) \$2,501 - \$3,600 (5 points) Greater than \$3,601 (0 points)	20
4	Irrigation system efficiency standard?	84% or greater (45 points) 71%-83% (30 points) 65%-70% (15 points) Less than 65% (0 points)	45
5	Total acre foot of water saved.	100+ acre foot water saved per year (45 points) 50-99 acre foot water saved per year (30 points) 20-49 acre foot water saved per year (15 points) Less than 20 acre foot water saved per year (5 points)	45
6	Is the project shovel ready?	Yes. The project has a complete design, all permits have been obtained, and water rights concerns have been addressed. (30 points) No. (0 points)	30
7	Is the project in a DWQ impaired watershed?	Yes (10 points) No (0 points)	10
8	Is the project in a watershed implementing a TMDL?	Yes (10 points) No (0 points)	10
9	Is the project in a Drinking Water Source Protection area?	Yes (10 points) No (0 points)	10
10	Is the project in a Water Right Ground Water Management area?	Yes (10 points) No (0 points)	10
11	Is the project within 1 mile of a priority water body for Aquatic Species?	Yes (10 points) No (0 points)	10
12	Is the Project located in the Great Salt Lake watershed?	Yes (10 points) No (0 points)	10
13	Are you willing to have a consultation with the Division of Water Rights to see if a change application is recommended?	Yes (20 points) No (0 points)	20
Total Points			260