

2022 VSWCD RANKING SHEET for Financial Assistance Program

Applicant Name:	Location:
Objective/Practices:	
<p>Assess points for Natural Resource Priorities (soil, water, air, plants, animals, human and energy natural resources). Each conservation line is followed by the NRCS NM Conservation Practice Code Numbers (source: USDA-NRCA 2020 Payment Schedule). <i>While guidance is drawn from this source to determine reasonable reimbursement payment rates, the District has final discretion on all payout amounts and other details.</i></p>	
HIGH Priority Concerns and Practices (75% Reimbursement Rate)	
Points	Ranking
Pollinator Plants to be established using Perennial shrubs, forbs. <small>327, 420, 422, 612, 645, 146</small>	10
Wildlife habitat improvement through native perennial tree, shrub, forb and	10
Bat and Bird Houses to be built (5 points for each one, limit to 2 each). <small>644</small>	5
Fencing off Critical Area Habitats or other sensitive area. <small>382</small>	10
Practices to improve or protect habitat for Endangered Species. <small>420, 422, 430, 574, 612, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 656, 657, 658, 659</small>	10
Wetlands established or protected. <small>578, 584, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 649, 656, 657, 658, 659</small>	10
Noxious weed removal. <small>315, 548</small>	10
Hazardous fuel reduction. <small>314, 394, 500, 548, 666</small>	10
Water Quality directly benefitted / targeted with conservation practices such as well capping, significant filter strips... <small>313,366,442,443,589,629,632,633,634,635,656</small>	10
Conservation of Irrigation Water thru laser land leveling, concrete ditch lining, irrigation pipeline, drip irrigation, water harvesting, rain barrels... <small>428, 430, 436, 441, 442, 443, 464, 558, 600, 620</small>	10
Critical Area Treatment practices. <small>342, 356, 410, 550, 561</small>	10
Erosion Control Practices. <small>342, 356, 410, 548, 561,587, 589, 603, 650, 654</small>	10
Organic Farming certification or transitioning to organic. <small>138</small>	10
Solar Pumping Plants. <small>533</small>	10
5 Soil Health Principles. <small>340, 484, 512, 590, 591, 595, 610</small>	10
Cover crops and vegetative cover between crop rows or mulching w/ natural material. <small>340, 484</small>	10
Certification as Soil Health Champion	10
No-Till or direct seeding / planting. <small>512</small>	10
Brush Management or forest stand improvement of non-native/invasive	10
Native Grass or Range Seeding. <small>550, 548, 528, 512</small>	10
Innovation: new approaches to conservation, encouraging innovation.	10
Conservation Education & Public Outreach activities allowed on this land unit. <small>575</small>	10
Monitoring. Use under same practice code. <small>353, 355</small>	10
Movable fencing for rotational grazing <small>382</small>	10
Hoop houses or seasonal extention materials. <small>325</small>	10
Composting bio-activators <small>417, 484</small>	10
Low-flush toilets using less water (limit 2)	5

MEDIUM Priority Concerns and Practices (50% reimbursement)	Points	Ranking
Windbreaks, Hedgerows and other tree and shrub establishment. 612, 650, 660	5	
Standard sequence of ripping/leveling/seeding to alfalfa or pasture (Flat	5	
Irrigation or Livestock Wells and pumping plants tied to other cons prc. 642, 533	5	
Retaining Walls not tied to critical area treatment. 410	5	
Ponds. 629, 520	5	
Interior Cross-Fencing tied to a conservation system. 382	5	
Structures for Water Control 587	5	
Compost amendment 484	5	

LOW Priority Concerns and Practices (25% reimbursement)	Points	Ranking
Irrigation Storage Tanks. 436	2	
Replacement of already established practices such as old concrete ditches, pipelines, and drip irrigation systems. 428, 430, 441	2	
Plastic cover on crop beds. 484	1	
Small diversion dams and diversions. 348, 356, 362	1	
Routine seeding/planting of alfalfa, pasture, vineyards, fruit trees.	1	
Land Clearing or forest stand improvement of native plants that is tied to other conservation practice. 314, 666	1	

Other Concerns -- Extra Points	Points	Ranking
Wildlife Urban Interface (WUI) directly affected with these cons prc	10	
Cost effectiveness achieved	2	
Project uses clean energy sources. 136	5	
Engineering practices designed/drawn by a Professional Engineer	5	
Has written support of other Federal, State or Local Agencies in accomplishing this LUP.	10	
Has written support of adjoining landowner(s) in accomplishing this LUP, (3 points for each letter).	5	

TOTAL of all potential points: 0

<p>NOT TO BE CONSIDERED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * work items that will actually cause degradation or regression of ecological conditions; * cost-sharing of portable items that could be resold or disappear altogether; * work items that are impractical, or overly complicated or costly. <p>Specific practices that won't be funded: External fencing, well drilling (not attached to conservation practice), tilling of soil, planting of wood invasive plants (ie. Siberian elm, russian olive, tree of heaven, etc.), use of chemicals to control invasive plants.</p>
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