

PFA Grant Evaluation Criteria

MAC Review and Recommendation Worksheet

MAC Reviewer: _____

PFA Mitigation Fund restoration projects must provide a public benefit by supporting measures that offset the take of covered species in the PFA Habitat Conservation Plan to the maximum extent practicable.

ALL project proposals must meet the following criteria to be considered for funding (See last page for additional areas of consideration):

- The project demonstrates sound principles.
- The project uses methods adapted to the project locale.
- The project complies with state land use planning goals and is compatible with acknowledged comprehensive plans.
- The project follows professionally science-based accepted restoration approaches resulting in ecological or watershed benefits.
- The project has well-defined and measurable goals, objectives, and outcomes.
- The project applicant is eligible for funding.

Top Recommended Project(s), listed in priority (irrelevant of funding availability):

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| 1. _____ | PFAMIT # _____ |
| 2. _____ | PFAMIT # _____ |
| 3. _____ | PFAMIT # _____ |
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| 5. _____ | PFAMIT # _____ |

The following are areas of consideration when evaluating project proposals.

Cost-effectiveness

- The project funds will achieve the stated outcomes.
- All project costs are relevant and reasonable.
- The project budget reflects a reasonable application of administrative and indirect costs.

Measurability

- The project has well-defined and measurable goals, objectives, and outcomes that are justified by deliverables.
- The project identified the ability to quantify the results of deliverables.
- The project provides timelines for deliverables.

Timeliness

- The project is likely to be implemented within the proposed timeline.
- Projects schedules or order of deliverables are logical and sequential for needs.
- The project has the necessary permits and other approvals in place, or a plan to secure them.
 - This could include, but are not limited to, collection permits, access permits, transport permits, building permits, land leases, cultural and archeological permits, etc.
 - If no permits are required, applicant needs to clearly state this within their proposal. **NOTE:** Ground disturbance projects will most likely require some sort of permitting.

Alignment with PFA priorities

- The project clearly aligns with the PFA Mitigation Fund priorities.
- The project demonstrates a benefit to one or more of the covered species listed in the HCP.
- Anticipated outcomes for HCP covered species and habitat are clearly identified.
- Is the scope, scale of impact and potential benefit to the covered species(s) commensurate and favorable to the overall budget and funding request from the PFA Fund.

Project Match

- The Project provides matching funds (in-kind or dollar)

Clarity of the proposal

- The project clearly identifies a problem with a clear and appropriate solution.
- The project clearly states needs, outcomes, and methods/tools/actions to accomplish the deliverables.
- The project budget is and costs are defined, justified, and relevant to the project.
- Reporting and evaluation periods are clearly defined.

Technical soundness

- The project proposes reasonable and logical science-based solutions.
- The project has considered any permits or engineering drawings and needs.
- Can the project be implemented as designed.
- The project considers adaptive management.

Watershed Context

- The project address watershed function and ecosystem processes.
- The project addresses limiting factors for the HCP covered species
- The project considers its relative context with respect to other restoration efforts or species recovery plans in the watershed.
- The project demonstrates community support.
- The project took into account protection measures of other species and general restoration requirements during the proposed work periods (i.e. permit needs, sensitive species needs, in-water work periods, seasonality, etc.).

Capacity of the applicant

- The applicant has provided examples of past work and skills that demonstrate the project team can complete the proposed work.
- The applicant has the capacity for carrying out a successful short, and possibly long-term, stewardship and maintenance of the project, if relevant.