

PRE-APPLICATION:

The Tule Subbasin is requesting proposals for repurposing strategies through the Multibenefit Land Repurposing grant funded by the Department of Conservation.

MLRP Project Pre-Application, Selection Process and Scoring

Land repurposing projects must be consistent with the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the area **AND** may either be identified through the Multibenefit Agricultural Land Repurposing Plan or pre-identified, shovel-ready projects that meet program requirements and maximize the project outcomes as identified in the MLRP Guidelines.

For a project to be eligible for Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program Funding the project must be consistent with the local GSP, result in groundwater sustainability, and provide at least one other community benefit. The benefits of the project must last and be sustainable for ten years.

Deadline:

The application process will open **April 22nd, 2024**. Pre-Applications will be scored every **3 weeks** starting on **May 13th, 2024**. If selected, the landowner will be called to fill out a more robust application to get more details on the proposed project. Once the group of selected pre-applicants have filled out the more robust application, project selection will occur amongst the selected applicants. This will be a reoccurring process until all funds have been allocated.

Please complete and provide responses to all questions below, upon completion submit this PRE-APPLICATION to atristao@ltrid.org for initial review, if the project meets the minimum standards for the program you will be contact to schedule a meeting with support staff to begin the full application. Assistance will be provided throughout the application process by support staff. Any question related to the PRE-APPLICATION should be directed to atristao@ltrid.org.

Applicant Information	
Applicant Name:	
Applicant Address:	
Applicant Phone Number:	
Applicant Email Address:	
Project GSA:	
Number of Acres:	
Property Owner:	
Project Type (see attached list):	
Funds Requested:	

1. Is the project consistent with the GSP including any of the examples below?
 - Increase available water supplies
 - Optimize existing water supplies
 - Decreased consumptive use of non-sustainable groundwater supplies to reduce overdraft
 - Reduction or cessation of subsidence near critical infrastructure
 - Stabilized water quality for agronomic and municipal beneficial uses
 - Maintain agriculture operations and economic stability
2. Will the project result in groundwater sustainability benefits? YES NO
3. Will the project result in any other community, environmental and/or economic benefits? YES NO
4. Will the benefits of the project continue for at least ten years? YES NO
5. Does the project directly respond to a state emergency drought declaration?
 No, declaration currently exists, remove question. YES NO
6. Is the project sustainable for at least ten years? YES NO

Project Types

<input type="checkbox"/>	Rewilding landscapes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Creation of multi-benefit recharge areas
<input type="checkbox"/>	Restoring floodplains
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transitioning irrigated land to dryland farming or non-irrigated rangeland
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transitioning to less water intensive crops, including for native seed production
<input type="checkbox"/>	Planting cover crops or conservation cover
<input type="checkbox"/>	Facilitation of renewable energy projects that have an overall net GHG reduction
<input type="checkbox"/>	Land acquisitions to facilitate land repurposing and protect repurposed land uses
<input type="checkbox"/>	Voluntary land transfers to tribes or qualified public entities to facilitate land repurposing and protect repurposed land uses
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: Restoration of native alkali scrub for threatened and endangered species habitat

Future Scoring Criteria:

Category/Possible Points	Criteria
Agricultural and Economic Resiliency (33 Points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides financial assistance to impacted landowners, improves the sustainability of local agricultural economies, and/or diversifies economic opportunities for the basin • Alignment with local Groundwater Sustainability Plans and other planning and/or conservation efforts • Amount of grant funds that GSA has spent up to date (if partnering with a GSA) • Incorporating participation from diverse local partners • Improves groundwater supply, quality, resilience and/or improves floodplain management and storage
Disadvantaged Community Benefits (30 Points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project is located in an disadvantaged community • Improves drinking water supply, drinking water quality, water storage and/or resilience for disadvantaged areas • economic/workforce benefits, and/or other benefits for disadvantaged areas • Direct nexus to disadvantaged community
Scalability, Feasibility, and Readiness (20 Points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation readiness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CEQA analysis (if needed) ○ Permits status ○ Plans developed • Scalability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Potential to connect w/other projects ○ Adjacent to existing MLRP projects • Feasibility
Regional Ecological Benefits (12 Points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improves ecological outcomes through increased habitat connectivity, direct benefits to state and federal species of interest, increased resiliency of ground-water dependent ecosystems
Additional Criteria/Bonus Benefits (5 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides additional benefits not listed above (e.g. small farmer; solar; in-kind cost share, etc.)