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Project Evaluation and Ranking Criteria		
Criteria		Importance
Consistency with IID Plan Objectives		
Standard	Performance Measure	
1. Impacts to agricultural users of water	Maintains water productivity historically available to agriculture.	
2. Maintains IID yields from Colorado River	Makes use of water that would normally be lost to IID in under- run years	
	Helps to reduce the potential for overruns in SDI years	
	Increases the efficiency of industrial, municipal, commercial and residential use of water through conservation and demonstrates reasonable beneficial uses in these areas.	
3. Cost Effectiveness	Dollars per acre foot of yield	
4. Equitable cost sharing	Entities that receive the benefits pay for the costs of producing those benefits	
5. Consistent with QSA and existing agreements on use of Colorado River	Would not result in conflicts related to existing contracts or agreements	
6. Firm Yield to resolve potential conflicts of use of water in IID	Provide measurable, firm yield of water that can be apportioned to new demand, mitigate for impacts to existing users and allow cities and Imperial County to validate water availability.	
	Consistent with City and County General Plan and land use plans.	
7. Promote economic development	Measurable economic benefits to IID water service area in terms of net economic activity, job creation, revenue generation to IID, Imperial County and Cities	
Implementability		
1. Timeliness	Ability for IID to act quickly to implement a project or program with out the need for new agreements or additional funding.	

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2. Regulatory Institutional and Permitting Complexity	Number and complexity of permits and extent of permitting issues	
3. Flexibility, adaptability to changing circumstances	Capability to reconfigure system with changing conditions evidenced by interconnections and potential alternative uses	
4. Public Acceptance/Public Support	Minimize public opposition/maximize public support	
5. Potential to receive outside financial support	State grant and loan priority and DWR Integrated Regional Water Management Program criteria	
	Federal Programs	
	Private Funding Source entities without IID support	
	Potential to partner with others in Colorado River Region	
Environmental		
1. Biological Resources	Impacts to protected species or sensitive habitats	
2. Biological Resources: Policy	Consistent with IID HCP/NCCP	
3. Water Quality	Improves delivered water quality	
	Impacts to water quality of drains or rivers	
4. Cultural	Impacts to Cultural Resources	
Uncertainty/Risk Index		
1. Institutional	Possible laws, regulations, conflicting interests may stop project	
2. Market	Water made that is made available will have a market	
3. Technical	Possible unknown, unquantifiable technical challenges that could stop the project	

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4. Economic	Known benefits and costs or relative ability to measure; qualitative benefits are readily identifiable and can be recognized by the decision makers.	
5. Political	Ability to garner support by the voting and rate paying population	