Drinking Water Source Protection

DWSP Evaluation Criteria:
OAR 695-048-0110

All projects will also be evaluated on the OWEB Climate-Related Evaluation Criteria described in OAR 695-005-0045:

(1) How engagement with, and input from, local communities disproportionately impacted by climate change has informed or will inform the project.

(2) How changing climate conditions are incorporated into the project and how the project will contribute to durable adaptation and resilience for ecosystems, including human communities.

(3) How consideration of greenhouse gas emissions or long-term carbon sequestration or storage has informed the project.

Preference for longer-term agreements

Small population size

Lower income population

Rural population

Seasonal variations in number of users

Drought or low water supply

Extent of risks to water quality

Sensitive areas, potential pollutants, potential sources of pollution identified in Source Water Assessment

Degree & urgency of risk to the land & associated Drinking Water Source Area

Significance of the land protection to drinking water sources

Duration & type of Protective Instrument

Applicant and/or Holder capacity & experience for ongoing management & stewardship

Community characteristics & economic distress of Water Supplier

SWEET SPOT: Likelihood for Success

Existence of or plan to develop a long-term management plan, or justification as to why it is not necessary

Impacts to the Water System

Strength of technical, legal & financial aspects of real estate transaction

Project readiness

For Partnership projects:

Clearly defined & documented partnership including respective roles & responsibilities

Partnership mission in support of protection or restoration of natural resources and/or drinking water.

Capacity & resources for long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement

Ability to complete transaction & due diligence within grant timelines

Quality of due diligence

How to read this: Circles are the primary criteria; color-coded squares are related sub-criteria. Each circle is equally weighted.

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