EAGLE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2026 ECCD 50/50 Conservation Grant Application Scoring Rubric

Instructions: Rank each category 1 - 9 (circle your choice), with 9 being the highest score and 1 being the lowest. Scores will be totaled from all reviewers.

Alignment with ECCD Priorities 1-9 points				
Context - Fit with the ECCD Mission, Vision & Strategic Operating Plan (SOP)				
9	**7**	**5**	**3**	**1**
Project directly and clearly advances the ECCD mission, vision and SOP	Project supports the ECCD mission, vision and SOP; the connection is clear but more general.	Project has some relationship to ECCD's mission, vision and SOP, but the connection is indirect or only partly explained.	Project has only a weak or incidental connection to ECCD's mission, vision and SOP.	Project does not align with ECCD's mission, vision or SOP.

Need and Urgency 1-9 points				
The "Why Now" - Resource Concern or Response to a Hazard/Event				
9	**7**	**5**	**3**	**1**
Addresses a serious resource concern, or responds directly to a recent hazard or event (e.g., wildfire, flood, drought, invasive species). Delay would likely cause significant or lasting loss	Addresses a clear resource concern or event, and the need is well supported. Delay would likely allow conditions to worsen.	A resource concern is described, but the need is general or the urgency is unclear. The project could reasonably wait.	Need is minor or weakly supported, and there is little urgency.	No resource concern or event is identified.

Conservation Benefit 1-9 points				
Ecological Impact				
9	**7**	**5**	**3**	**1**
Expected ecological benefit is significant, lasting, and explained (e.g., soil, water quality, habitat, vegetation).	Expected benefit is clear and meaningful, but moderate in size or duration.	The expected ecological benefit is general, small, or short-lived.	The ecological benefit is unclear or minimal.	No ecological benefit is identified.

Addresses Multiple Conservation Benefits 1-9 points				
Addresses more than one Natural Resource concern: Land, Water, Vegetation, Wildlife, Sustainability				
9	**7**	**5**	**3**	**1**
Addresses four or more natural resource concerns	Addresses three or more natural resource concerns	Addresses two or more natural resource concerns	Addresses one or more natural resource concerns	Natural resource concerns are not addressed or are unclear.

Scope of Work and Methodology 1-9 points				
The "What" and "How" - Project Details, Methods, Tasks & Timeline				
9	**7**	**5**	**3**	**1**
Project details, methods, and tasks are specific and complete. A clear timeline shows how and when the work will be done, and the approach fits the goals.	Project details, methods, and tasks are clear and logical and/or timeline is included, but some details are missing.	Project details, methods, and tasks are general and/or timeline is vague or incomplete.	Project details, methods, and tasks are limited; it is unclear what will be done or how, and/or timeline is missing or unrealistic.	Project details, methods and tasks are not provided or cannot be understood, and timeline is missing or unrealistic

Project Feasibility 1-9 points				
Appropriate Methods and Likelihood of Successful Completion				
9	**7**	**5**	**3**	**1**
Methods are appropriate and follow science-based practice. Very likely to be completed on time and as planned.	Methods are reasonable and generally follow science-based practice; and/or likely to be completed on time with minor risk.	Methods are reasonable, but there is some uncertainty and some may not follow science-based practices; and/or there is moderate risk to completion	Significant concerns: methods are questionable/do not follow science-based practices; and/or completion is doubtful.	The methods are not appropriate and the project is unlikely to be completed,

Community Value 1-9 points				
Provides broad, lasting benefit to the community				
9	**7**	**5**	**3**	**1**
Statewide/Regional	County-wide	Neighborhood/Local Community	"Me and my neighbor"	Personal property only

Measurable Outcomes 1-9 points				
"Determining Success" - Measuring, Monitoring, Reporting				
9	**7**	**5**	**3**	**1**
Metrics for measuring, monitoring and reporting outcomes are specific and measurable.	Metrics for measuring, monitoring, and reporting are clear and reasonable, but lack some detail.	Metrics for measuring, monitoring, and reporting are mentioned but are general.	Metrics for measuring, monitoring, and reporting are poorly defined.	Metrics, monitoring, and reporting are not addressed or are unclear.

Finance and Budget 1-9 points				
"Money" - Costs, Budget Narrative and Adherence to Guidelines				
9		**5**		**1**
Budget follows guidelines, is realistic and appropriate, and has a clear budget narrative. All quotes are included		Budget follows guidelines, but the narrative is unclear, is less realistic, and/or some quotes are missing		The budget does not follow guidelines, is incomplete, unrealistic, and/or all quotes are missing

Bonus Points
Up to 5 Points for Any One Application,
You have a total of 10 bonus points that may be awarded at your discretion. You may award up to 5 points to any one application, but the total of all bonus points you award can not exceed 10.