

TABLE 2

Regional WMI Water Quality Priorities for Grant Projects

1. Projects that implement approved TMDLs, including studies called for in TMDL implementation plans (see Tables 2-1 and 2-2, General Category 5).
2. Projects that support development of scheduled TMDLs (see Tables 2-1 and 2-2, General Category 4).
3. Projects that address pollutant loadings in urban runoff discharges (see Tables 2-1 and 2-2, General Categories 1, 4, 5, 9).
4. Projects that protect and improve the quality of local groundwater resources (see Tables 2-1 and 2-2, General Category 10).
5. Removal and prevention of invasive, exotic aquatic and riparian vegetation to enhance and protect water quality standards, including habitat and recreation beneficial uses (see Tables 2-1 and 2-2, General Categories 6, 7, 8).
6. In support of WARM, COLD, RARE, WILD, SPWN, MAR, SHEL and EST beneficial uses, projects that protect, restore and/or enhance aquatic, wetland, and riparian habitat and habitat connectivity, particularly habitat of rare, threatened and endangered species (see Tables 2-1 and 2-2, General Categories 3, 7, 8).
7. Projects that support watershed management planning efforts, especially those that build local capacity in watershed management through citizen involvement and public education (see Tables 2-1 and 2-2, General Categories 1, 6, 9).
8. Projects that provide tools for managing and/or enhancing access to regional water resources data, water quality data and watershed data (see Tables 2-1 and 2-2, General Categories 2, 3, 6).

Projects that include opportunities to build or expand organizational capacity to implement watershed management will be favored.

Projects that lead to water quality improvements within the Critical Coastal Areas of the Region will be favored.

Projects that utilize partnerships among diverse stakeholders, and that integrate Regional Board priorities with those established by other watershed stakeholders, will be favored.