



Kaweah Subbasin Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program  
Development Funding Opportunity:  
Request for Projects

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## Summary

This is a Request for Proposals (RFP) and [Project Application](#) for the Kaweah Subbasin Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program (MLRP). Projects submitted through this program should address sustainable management of groundwater supplies, provide drought and flood relief, restore wildlife habitat, support the Kaweah Subbasin's land-based and agricultural economy, and/or provide other direct benefits to disadvantaged communities and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers (SDFRs).

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## MLRP Background

The Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District and regional partners received a block grant to support land repurposing in the Kaweah Subbasin from the California Department of Conservation's MLRP Program. This Program aims to reduce reliance on groundwater while providing community health, economic well-being, water supply, habitat, renewable energy, and climate benefits.

The MLRP program is designed to support California communities that are navigating changes driven by historical unsustainable water use that led to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), which sets a deadline to transition to sustainable groundwater use by 2040 in this region. Experts estimate the water used to irrigate 500,000 to 1,000,000 acres of farmland in the San Joaquin Valley alone needs to be conserved in order to reach sustainability. To achieve this, land will be left idle, retired, or repurposed to help balance groundwater supply and demand. If not properly managed, idle fields can emit dust and worsen air quality; host weeds and pests; and adversely impact agricultural economies, rural communities, and ecosystems.<sup>1</sup> As a beneficial alternative, the MLRP aims to reduce these potential negative impacts and invest in solutions that provide benefits to both the environment and surrounding communities.

## Geographic Boundary

Kaweah MLRP projects must be located in the Kaweah Subbasin to be eligible for funding. The subbasin is made up of the Greater Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), Mid-Kaweah GSA, and East Kaweah GSA. The Kaweah Subbasin is mainly situated in Tulare County, including the cities of Visalia, Tulare, Lindsay, Farmersville, Exeter, and Woodlake as well as the communities of Plainview,

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<sup>1</sup> Hanak, Ellen & Escrivá-Bou, Alvar & Gray, Brian & Green, Sarge & Harter, Thomas & Jezdimirovic, Jelena & Lund, Jay & Azuara, Josué & Moyle, Peter & Seavy, Nathaniel. (2019). Water and the Future of the San Joaquin Valley. 10.13140/RG.2.2.24360.83208.

Tooleville, Lemon Cove, West Goshen, Okieville and Waukena. It also includes a small adjacent portion of Kings County.

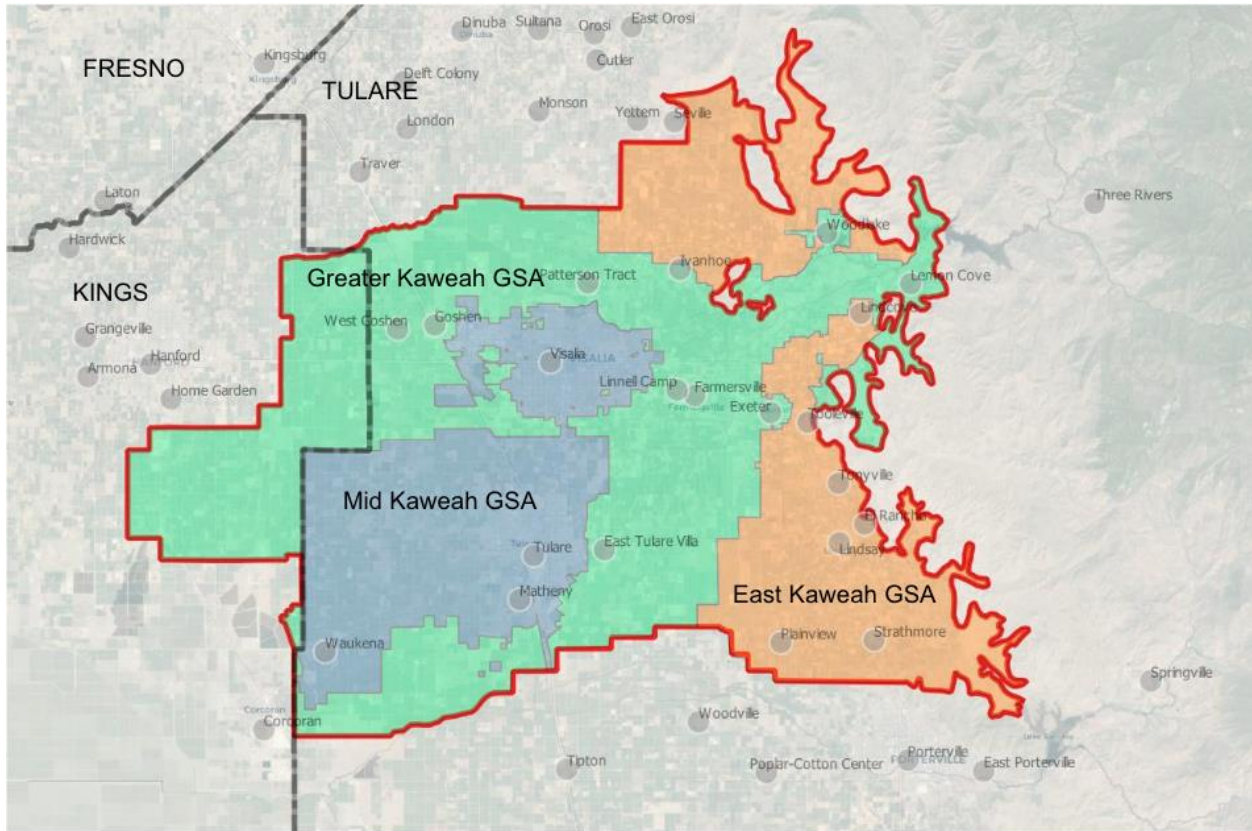


Figure 1. Kaweah Subbasin Map

## Funding Availability

Through this solicitation, the Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District (KDWCD) will award **up to \$200,000 per project and a minimum of \$50,000 per project** for land repurposing projects in the Kaweah Subbasin that are submitted during the solicitation period from **March 14 to August 31, 2025**. A total of \$1.5 million is available for all successful project applications.

Note that this RFP is a solicitation for **Development Projects only**. Applications will only be accepted for projects that are in earlier phases of development and will not be implemented prior to August 31, 2027, but can achieve “shovel-ready” status by that date through MLRP funding. These funds will be allocated for the finalization of project designs, plans, and permits that would result in a fully-planned and permitted project by the end of the grant period, which could be later fundable and implementable through additional funding sources.

## Application Deadline

Applications must be submitted by **11:59 pm on August 31, 2025**.<sup>2</sup> Please submit complete applications to [info@kaweahmlrp.org](mailto:info@kaweahmlrp.org). Extensions may be granted under special circumstances; please reach out to [info@kaweahmlrp.org](mailto:info@kaweahmlrp.org) if your project requires a submission extension.

## Project Eligibility

Projects developed through the MLRP program must provide groundwater benefits by converting irrigated ag land to less water-intensive use(s) and may provide additional benefits that improve water quality, restore habitat, improve access to nature, and increase regional workforces, or diversify economic opportunities, particularly in disadvantaged communities and farmworker communities. Eligible projects must provide a public benefit for at least ten years once implemented, and should be aligned with local Groundwater Sustainability Plans and other regional planning and conservation efforts. Some examples of strategies and project types that may be funded by the program include, but are not limited to:

- Rewilding landscapes: Creation or restoration of habitat such as pollinator habitat, wetland habitat, upland habitat and riparian habitat.
- Creation of multibenefit groundwater recharge areas.
- Transition of irrigated land to dryland farming or non-irrigated rangeland.
- Restoration of floodplains.
- Transition of irrigated land to dryland farming or non-irrigated rangeland.
- Transition to less water intensive crops, including native seed production.
- Planting of cover crops or conservation cover.
- Reestablishment of Tribal land uses and/or implementation of Tribal cultural practices.
- Facilitation of renewable energy projects that have an overall net greenhouse gas reduction.
- Creation of parks or community recreation areas.
- Easement acquisitions, including conservation easement and flood easement acquisitions, acquisitions to facilitate land repurposing and protect repurposed land uses.<sup>3</sup>
- Voluntary land transfers to Tribes or qualified public entities to facilitate land repurposing and protect repurposed land uses.
- Other projects that meet the conservation and community-based objectives of the MLRP Program (please contact [info@kaweahmlrp.org](mailto:info@kaweahmlrp.org)).

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<sup>2</sup> This RFP may shift to a rolling solicitation following the application deadline if project applications fail to meet overall programmatic requirements. In the event that a rolling solicitation is required, projects will be reviewed for funding at the end of every month.

<sup>3</sup> Planning for land acquisitions, land transfers, and easement acquisitions must occur in conjunction with at least one non-acquisition land repurposing strategy or project type on the acquired land and must be in perpetuity.

**Eligible Applicants:** Landowners, public agencies; nonprofit groups with 501(c)3 status; local government agencies; California Native American tribes or bands that are either federally recognized, or tribes or bands on the contact list maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission; Groundwater Sustainability Agencies; and Watermasters implementing an approved groundwater sustainability plan or approved alternative to a groundwater sustainability plan. Applicants should be locally-based or illustrate strong local partnerships.

*One application will be considered per applicant for this RFP; additional projects may be considered per applicant in the event of a rolling solicitation.*

## **Project Prioritization**

Project selections will be made based on a weighted criteria,<sup>4</sup> which are summarized below and incorporate priorities identified in the CA Department of Conservation's MLRP [Project Implementation Approval Packet](#) at <https://tinyurl.com/mlrpguidelines>. To be considered for funding, projects must address at least one Core Criteria Category listed below. Projects that address multiple Core Criteria Categories will score higher than projects that address only one. The Kaweah MLRP's portfolio of projects aims to meet MLRP objectives by meeting as many Core Criteria as possible. Additional details on project selection criteria can be found starting on page 10 of the [Project Application](#).

***Kaweah Water Quality and Supply (Core Criteria Category)*** - The MLRP program will prioritize projects that improve groundwater supply, quality, and resilience and/or improve floodplain management and storage.

***Disadvantaged Community Benefits (Core Criteria Category)*** - The program will prioritize projects that provide drinking water supply and security benefits for disadvantaged communities, improve economic and workforce benefits, and/or provide other benefits to disadvantaged communities (i.e. green space, recreation opportunities, improved air quality, educational opportunities, etc.).

***Agricultural and Economic Resiliency (Core Criteria Category)*** - The program will prioritize projects that improve the sustainability and flexibility of local agricultural economies by repurposing lands least viable for agriculture, shifting crop types or farming methods, and/or diversify economic opportunities for the region.

***Regional Ecological Benefits (Core Criteria Category)*** - The program will prioritize projects that improve ecological outcomes through increased habitat connectivity, direct benefits to state and federal species of interest, increased resiliency of groundwater-dependent ecosystems, and/or other ecological benefits to the Kaweah Subbasin.

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<sup>4</sup> *KDWCD reserves the right to withhold funding offered in this solicitation if proposed projects do not sufficiently meet the Selection Criteria, if projects fail to fully address the requirements of the Department of Conservation, or if the project maintenance represents an undue burden on KDWCD or GSAs.*

***Geographic Prioritization*** - The program will prioritize projects that are proximal to disadvantaged communities or their critical water infrastructure, ecological areas, and existing or developing water conservation projects and facilities. Additionally, projects will be prioritized that are situated in areas with severe subsidence and/or severe water depletion.

***Feasibility and Cost-Effectiveness*** - Projects must demonstrate that project planning and permitting can be completed by August 31, 2027. Projects must be cost-effective, feasible to implement, and have a demonstrable impact. Projects may also demonstrate the potential to replicate the project design.

***Regional Coordination*** - Projects will receive additional priority by demonstrating local partner and community support, incorporating participation from diverse local partners, and/or coordinating with GSAs in the Subbasin.

***Additional Considerations*** - Projects that provide an in-kind cost share or include match contributions may be granted additional consideration. Alternatively, projects that exhibit a critical financial need for execution of the project may also be granted additional consideration.

## **Technical Assistance & Project Development Support**

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# Kaweah MLRP Development Project Application - 2025

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# Application Checklist

Submitted Application Package must include all of the following items.

- Completed Kaweah MLRP Application
- Map of Project Site (if applicable)
- Work Plan
- Project Budget
- Letters of Support or Letters of Commitment (as applicable)

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# Project Overview

Project name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization or applicant name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization type: \_\_\_\_\_

Project partners (list all): \_\_\_\_\_

Primary applicant's name and title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Project location/Assessor Parcel Numbers (APN): \_\_\_\_\_

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Project County: \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner (if not the primary applicant): \_\_\_\_\_

Project Site Access (if applicant is not the landowner): \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated start date: \_\_\_\_\_ End date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Executive Summary

*Please provide a short one-paragraph summary of the proposed project below. Additional space to describe the project is provided throughout the application document.*

## Project Type

*Please select the project type(s) below that best describe(s) the nature of your project. Select all that apply.*

- Rewilding landscapes: Creation or restoration of habitat such as pollinator, wetland, upland, and riparian habitat.
- Creation of multibenefit groundwater recharge areas.
- Restoring floodplains.
- Transition of irrigated land to dryland farming or non-irrigated rangeland.
- Transition to less water-intensive crops, including native seed production.
- Planting of cover crops or conservation cover.
- Reestablishment of Tribal land uses and/or implementation of Tribal cultural practices.
- Facilitation of renewable energy projects that have an overall net greenhouse gas reduction.
- Creation of parks or community recreation areas.
- Easement acquisitions, including conservation easement and flood easement acquisitions, to facilitate land repurposing and protect repurposed land uses.
- Voluntary land transfers to Tribes or qualified public entities to facilitate land repurposing and protect repurposed land uses.
- Other projects that meet the conservation and community-based objectives of the MLRP (please contact [info@kawahmlrp.org](mailto:info@kawahmlrp.org)). Please describe below:

## Project Longevity

*Please note the anticipated period of benefit provided by your project once implemented (eligible projects must provide at least 10 years of benefit beyond project implementation to be eligible for future MLRP funding). Select one of the following:*

- This project will provide resource benefits for \_\_\_\_\_ years following project implementation.
- Project will provide benefits in perpetuity.

## **Funding Summary**

Total estimated project cost: \_\_\_\_\_

MLRP funding requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Match (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

## **Project Description:**

*Please describe the proposed project below (3 pages maximum). Please note that this funding is for project designs, plans, and permits that would result in a fully-planned and permitted project by August 31, 2027.*

## Additional Project Information:

**Will the landowner give up any water allocation under the scope of the project proposed?**

- Yes
- No

*If yes, please describe the nature of the water supply forfeiture below:*

**Will the implementation of your project enable future groundwater recharge in the subbasin?**

- Yes
- No

*If yes, describe the mechanism and infrastructure available or needed for transporting water to the property and the applicable water rights/agreements as appropriate:*

**Is your project located on a solely groundwater-dependent property?**

- Yes
- No - there is access to surface water on the property.

*Please describe further if necessary:*

## Work Plan

Please provide a detailed work plan organized by Task. This plan should include all work to be completed by the applicant and any deliverables associated with that task. Please add additional Tasks as needed below. If selected, applicants may be asked to provide a more detailed Work Plan.

**Task 1:** [Enter Task Name]

**Description:**

**Deliverable(s):** [Enter Text Here]

**Anticipated Completion Date:** [Enter Text Here]

**Task 2:** [Enter Task Name]

**Description:**

**Deliverable(s):** [Enter Text Here]

**Anticipated Completion Date:** [Enter Text Here]

**Task 3:** [Enter Task Name]

**Description:**

**Deliverable(s):** [Enter Text Here]

**Anticipated Completion Date:** [Enter Text Here]

## **Project Budget**

Please attach a task-based project budget with your submission that allocates project costs by the Tasks listed in the Work Plan described in the previous section. KDWCD may work with applicants subsequent to the application period to refine project budgets as necessary.

## Technical Assistance and Project Support

*It is anticipated that some projects may need technical assistance to proceed through project development. Depending on the nature of the project, technical assistance may be available through the MLRP program and its partners. Resources may be available to support project elements including planning, design, administration, and reporting. If you need assistance with the development of your project idea and/or the application, please fill out [this form](#) or contact [info@kawahmlrp.org](mailto:info@kawahmlrp.org) with any questions. Technical assistance is offered free of charge.*

### Does your project require technical assistance?

- Yes  
 No

*If your project will require technical assistance or support, please describe the need below:*

## Environmental Review- CEQA Status

Projects are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Please select a box below that best reflects your project, and provide a short description in the space provided.

### The proposed project:

Is not a project under CEQA. Briefly specify why in the space below.

Is exempt under CEQA. Provide the CEQA exemption number and specify how the project meets the terms of the exemption in the space below.

Requires a Negative Declaration, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), or an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Specify the lead CEQA agency (the agency preparing the document) and the (expected) completion date in the box below.

Unsure if this project requires CEQA compliance. Please contact [info@kawahmlrp.org](mailto:info@kawahmlrp.org) for assistance.

### Description of CEQA Status:

# Project Selection Criteria

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**To be considered for funding, projects must address at least one element in at least one of the Core Criteria Categories listed below. Projects that address multiple Core Criteria Categories will score higher than projects that address only one.**

## Core Criteria Categories

- Kaweah Water Quality and Supply (30 Points)
- Disadvantaged Community Benefits (25 Points)
- Agricultural and Economic Resiliency (25 Points)
- Regional Ecological Benefits (25 Points)

## Additional Criteria

- Geographic Prioritization (25 Points)
- Feasibility and Cost-Effectiveness (20 Points)
- Regional Coordination (10 Points)
- Additional Considerations (5 Points)



## **Kaweah Water Quality and Supply (30 Points)**

*The MLRP program will prioritize projects that improve water supply quantity, flexibility, quality, and resiliency and/or improve floodplain management and storage. Select all that apply. Projects may receive full points if they thoroughly address a single criterion, or multiple criteria within this section.*

*Addressing one or more options under this category is required to qualify for future implementation funding offered through the Kaweah MLRP.*

### **Criteria addressed by the project (select all that apply):**

***Improved Water Supply Quantity, Flexibility, and Resiliency:*** Increases quantity of water in Kaweah Subbasin, flexibility in options for water usage including reduced-usage approaches, reduction of groundwater use, recharge of groundwater with surface water or recyclable water, all of which result in an improvement of basin-wide groundwater supply.

***Water Quality Benefits:*** Provides improvement in water quality that can be measured and demonstrated.

***Floodplain Management and Storage (including Groundwater) Benefits:*** Provides management strategies and mechanisms for floodplain management, increases groundwater recharge.

***"Measurability/Observability" of Benefits:*** Provides water benefits which can be measured or noted consistently, and are able to be maintained for a minimum of 10 years beyond project implementation (CA Department of Conservation implementation requirement).<sup>5</sup>

### **Describe how the project addresses the selected Criteria (½ page maximum):**

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<sup>5</sup> *If you are able to describe methods of measurement or observation, please add that information into this category's narrative.*

## Disadvantaged Community Benefits (25 Points)

The program will prioritize projects that provide drinking water supply and security benefits for disadvantaged communities, improve economic and workforce benefits, and/or provide other benefits to disadvantaged communities (i.e. green space, recreation opportunities, improved air quality, educational opportunities, etc.). Select all that apply. Projects may receive full points if they thoroughly address a single criterion, or multiple criteria within this section. Please see Appendix 1 for a map of Disadvantaged Communities in the Kaweah Subbasin.

### Criteria addressed by the project (select all that apply):

**Drinking Water Supply and Security Benefits and/or Water Quality**

**Benefits for Disadvantaged Communities:** Improved access to safe drinking water; improved water security for disadvantaged communities; improved quality of water at recreational or public access sites in disadvantaged communities.

**Economic and Workforce Benefits:** Increased economic and workforce opportunities for members of disadvantaged communities, or opportunities that serve disadvantaged communities by improving access to resources and/or services.

**Other Disadvantaged Community Benefits:** Increased community benefits such as: increased green spaces and/or recreational areas, improved air quality, improved soil quality, increased food security, reduction of pesticide load or frequency of use, reduced flood risk, and educational opportunities.

**Tribal Use/Benefit:** Reestablishes tribal resource use that incorporates reduction of water use or increases the water quantity or availability, improves tribal access to grow or forage native plants used in traditional cultural practices, provides resource availability or security, or provides another benefit to a tribe or band (applicant must be a tribe or band or demonstrate a substantive partnership with a tribe to select this criterion).

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### Describe how the project addresses the selected Criteria (½ page maximum):

## **Agricultural and Economic Resiliency (25 Points)**

*The program will prioritize projects that improve the sustainability and flexibility of local agricultural economies by repurposing lands least viable for agriculture, shifting crop types or farming methods, and/or diversify economic opportunities for the region. Select all that apply. Projects may receive full points if they thoroughly address a single criterion, or multiple criteria within this section.*

### **Criteria addressed by the project (select all that apply):**

***Supports Sustainability of Local Agriculture:*** Supports sustainability of agriculture by targeting the least productive farmland for land repurposing.

***Supports Flexibility of Local Agriculture:*** Supports flexibility and/or resilience of local agriculture by changing crop types, adopting drought-resilient growing methods, increased water supply, increased food security and agricultural productivity, or other practices that improve soil health.

***Sustains Agricultural Economies:*** Minimizes agricultural job displacement or provides other economic benefits including increased pay, benefits, job security, and/or working conditions for farmworkers.

***Diversifies Economic Opportunities:*** Diversifies agricultural economic opportunities by providing training or job opportunities in land-based economies.

### **Describe how the project addresses the selected Criteria (½ page maximum):**

## Regional Ecological Benefits (25 Points)

The program will prioritize projects that improve ecological outcomes through increased habitat connectivity, direct benefits to state and federal species of interest, increased resiliency of groundwater-dependent ecosystems, and/or other ecological benefits to the Kaweah Subbasin. Select all that apply. Projects may receive full points if they thoroughly address a single criterion, or multiple criteria within this section.

### Criteria addressed by the project (select all that apply):

**Habitat Connectivity:** Increased possibility for connectivity of habitat sites that enable wildlife to move across the landscape.

**Species of Interest:** Restoration or conservation of habitat suitable for wildlife such as endangered species/federally listed species, species of special concern, or other keystone species in the ecosystem on-site.

**Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Benefits:** Ecosystem benefits such as soil health, support of native vegetation, support of species diversity, and other benefits that are supported by increased groundwater availability.

**Reconnecting Rivers to their Floodplains:** Provides river and watershed restoration benefits, provides groundwater recharge and/or serves to reconnect a river to its historic floodplain, thereby reducing flood risk.

**Other Ecological Benefits:** Other benefits not quantified above, including but not limited to: increasing soil stability, soil desalination, increasing or providing native animal species overwintering/breeding/forage/nectaring sites.

**Describe how the project addresses the selected Criteria (1/2 page maximum):**

## Geographic Prioritization (25 Points)

The program will prioritize projects that are proximal to disadvantaged communities or their critical water infrastructure, ecological areas, and existing or developing water conservation projects and facilities (as appropriate for the project's proposed benefits) or increase water availability. Additionally, projects will be prioritized that are situated in areas with severe subsidence and/or severe water depletion. Select all that apply. Projects may receive full points if they thoroughly address a single criterion, or multiple criteria within this section.

### Criteria addressed by the project (select all that apply):

**Proximity to Disadvantaged Communities:** Proximity of project to disadvantaged communities that stand to benefit from the project, and/or their critical water infrastructure such as well fields (See [Appendix 1](#) or Visit <https://tinyurl.com/kaweahmap>).

**Proximity to Ecological Areas:** Proximity of project to high-quality habitat (including seasonal wetland, riparian, and vernal pool areas).

**Connectivity to Existing or Prospective Projects and Relevant Facilities:** Provides connectivity to existing or prospective projects or facilities that provide a connectivity benefit for infrastructure such as water conservation, recharge (including in-stream recharge), storage, canals, natural or artificial conveyances, flood mitigation, etc.

**Alignment with Projected Overdraft Regions, or Low Sustainability/Low Productivity lands:** Proximity of project to projected groundwater overdraft regions and/or location of project in a solely groundwater-dependent region.

**Describe how the project addresses the selected Criteria (½ page maximum):**

## **Feasibility and Cost-Effectiveness (20 Points)**

*Projects must demonstrate that project planning and permitting can be completed by August 31, 2027. Projects must be cost-effective, feasible to implement, and have a demonstrable impact. Projects may also demonstrate the potential to replicate the project design.*

### **Criteria addressed by the project (select all that apply):**

***Project Readiness:*** Project can be fully planned and permitted by August 31, 2027.

***Cost-Effectiveness:*** Project budget covers all aspects of the project and demonstrates an efficient use of funds.

***Feasibility of Implementation:*** Project can be feasibly implemented with available resources and given external constraints.

***Feasibility of Impact:*** Anticipated project benefits can feasibly be achieved based on thorough delivery of project as designed.

***Opportunity Replication:*** Project represents a potentially transferable model that could be replicated.

***Applicant and Partner(s) Fiscal and Administrative Capacity:*** Project partners demonstrate fiscal and administrative capacity to complete project activities and oversee the project through to completion.

**Describe how the project addresses the selected Criteria (½ page maximum):**

### **Regional Coordination (10 Points)**

*Projects will receive additional priority by demonstrating local partner and community support, incorporating participation from diverse local partners, and/or coordinating with GSAs in the Subbasin. If an applicant would like assistance in connecting or coordinating with local partners and community members, please contact the Kaweah MLRP program at [info@kawahmlrp.org](mailto:info@kawahmlrp.org).*

**Criteria addressed by the project (select all that apply):**

***Partner and Community Support:*** Project incorporates participation from local and/or regional partners and/or has letter(s) of support from local partners or communities.

***Community Involvement:*** Local or regional communities or community members endorse the project, provided the project idea, and/or co-created the project.

***GSA and/or Subbasin Coordination:*** Project represents coordination between multiple GSAs, subbasins, or other similar regional entities.

**Describe how the project addresses the selected Criteria (1/2 page maximum):**

### **Additional Considerations (5 Points)**

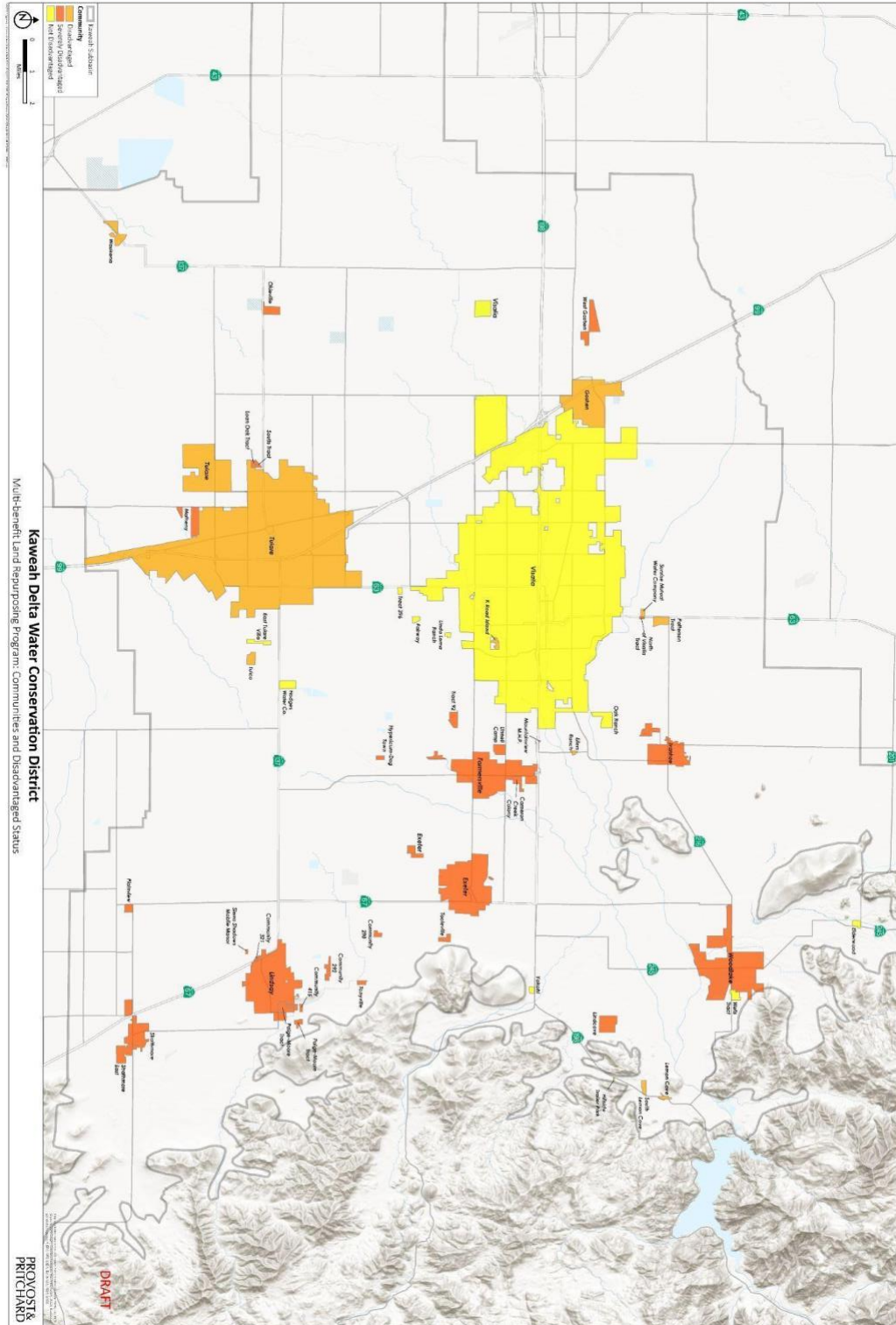
*Projects that provide an in-kind cost share or include match contributions may be granted additional consideration. Alternatively, projects that exhibit a critical financial need for execution of the project may also be granted additional consideration. Additional consideration may also be given to small or disadvantaged growers and/or other distinguishing project factors not listed above.*

**Describe any match contributions, critical financial needs, or benefits provided to or by small and/or disadvantaged growers that should be considered. Additionally, please describe any additional project benefit(s) not captured elsewhere in this application (1/2 page maximum):**



# Appendix 1

Kaweah Subbasin Disadvantaged Community Map; <https://tinyurl.com/kawahmap>



Appendix 1 - Kaweah Subbasin Disadvantaged Community Map