

**DRAFT Water Supply Well State ranking questions**

The draft parameters listed below will be required questions on all applications for the water supply well ranking sheet to help with prioritization at the local level. In addition, we encourage all districts to add additional ranking questions. The inclusion of state ranking questions for this practice may allow water supply wells to be eligible this year, while still recognizing and empowering locally led conservation.

Number	Parameter	Point value
1	Percent of the water use demand of the operation provided by the proposed well OR Use the actual water deficit of the operation, most points to those with the greatest water deficit <i>Calculation tools will be provided for district use.</i>	Weighted value – maximum of 50
2	Operation currently uses a public water system	25
3	Well location is in a groundwater drinking water assessment area <a href="http://149.168.87.14/pws/">http://149.168.87.14/pws/</a>	-15
4	Well location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In a Central Coastal Plain Capacity Use Area: Black Creek or Upper Cape Fear Aquifers: -35</li> <li>• In a Central Coastal Plain Capacity Use Area: all other areas: -25</li> <li>• In a strongly confined or confined aquifers below the first confined aquifer: -25</li> </ul>	Still under development
5	Cooperator has already installed water conservation measures on their operation	10
6	Current water source will not meet the requirements under the Food Safety Modernization Act ( <i>once rules are effective, this information can be part of question 1</i> )	25

**Additional criteria suggested from the field:**

Applicant does NOT have a suitable pond site. 20

Applicant HAS a suitable pond site and is currently irrigating 5 acres or more. -10

