



California
Energy Commission
Research & Development

Scoring Criteria for Projects that Benefit Disadvantaged and Low- Income Communities

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Assembly Bill 523 Requirements for EPIC

- ▶ Allocate 25 percent of **EPIC TD&D** funding for projects located in and benefiting disadvantaged communities
- ▶ Allocate an additional 10 percent of funding for projects located in, and benefiting low-income communities
- ▶ Take into account adverse localized health impacts of proposed projects to the greatest extent possible



Process To Increase Benefits to Low-Income and Disadvantaged Communities

- ❑ CEC Staff conducted workshops in Fresno and Diamond Bar
 - **Received public comments**
- ❑ Staff consulted with CARB and CEC's FTD, then drafted scoring criteria
- ❑ ERDD staff issued a RFC in 2018 with draft scoring criteria
 - **Received comments from EJ advocates, CBOs, Tribes, and other interested parties**
- ❑ Revised scoring criteria incorporating feedback from RFC
- ❑ Conducting briefings with CEC leadership and others
 - VC Scott, Comm. Douglas, Public Advisor, DACAG



Evaluating TD&D Projects

| Proposed Scoring Criteria | Maximum Points |
|--|----------------|
| 1. Project Team Past Performance with Energy Commission | 15 |
| (Minimum Passing Score for Criteria 1 is <u>6</u>) | |
| 2. Technical Merit | 15 |
| 3. Technical Approach | 25 |
| 4. Impacts and Benefits for California IOU Ratepayers | 20 |
| 5. Team Qualifications, Capabilities, and Resources | 15 |
| Total Possible Points for criteria 1–5 (Minimum Passing Score for criteria 1–5 is 70% or <u>80.5</u>) | 90 |
| 6. Budget and Cost-Effectiveness | 10 |
| 7. CEC Funds Spent in California | 10 |
| 8. Ratio of Direct Labor and Fringe Benefit Rates to Loaded Labor Cost | 5 |
| Total Possible Points for criteria 1–8 (Minimum Passing Score for criteria 1–8 is 70% or <u>80.5</u>) | 115 |

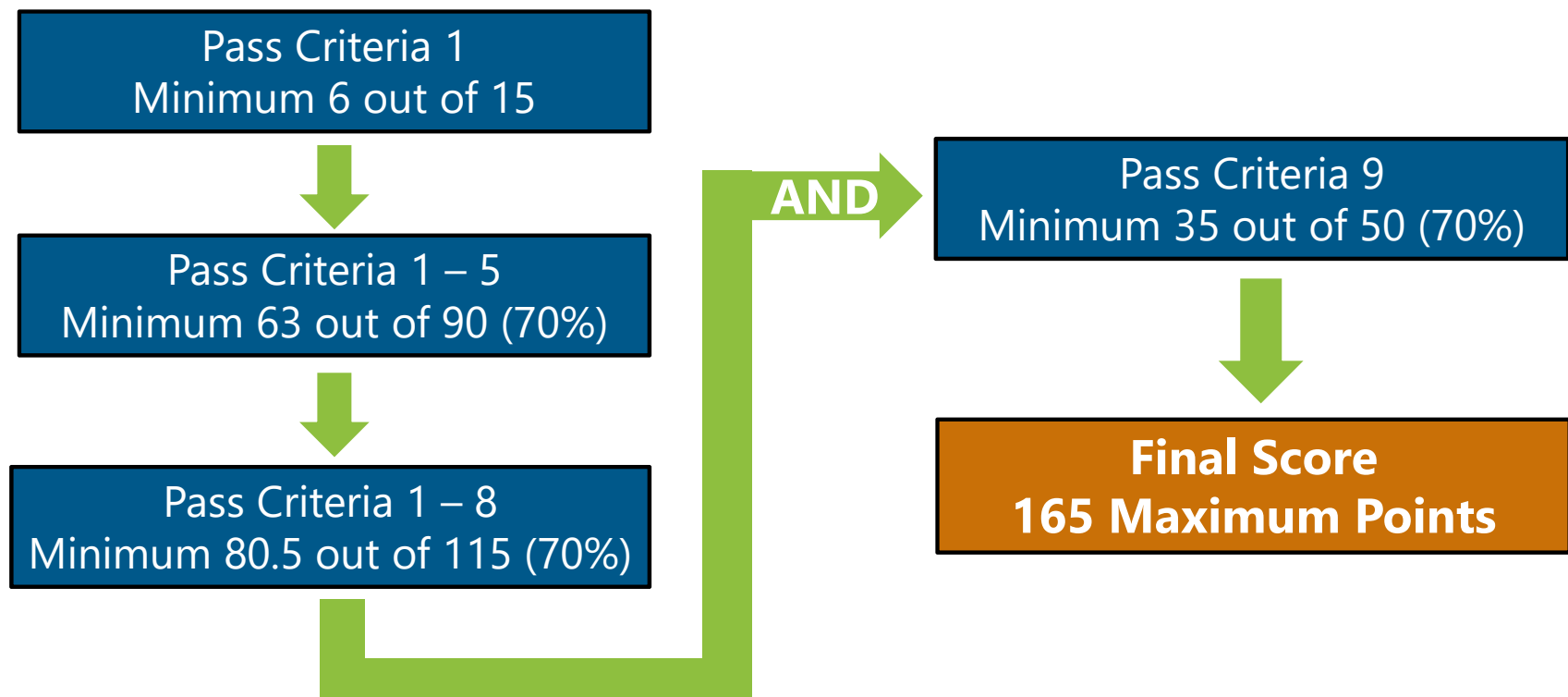


Evaluating TD&D Projects

| Proposed Scoring Criteria | Maximum Points |
|--|----------------|
| 9. Benefits to Disadvantaged/Low-Income Communities and Localized Health Impacts | |
| 9.1 Benefits to Disadvantaged/Low-Income Communities | 15 |
| 9.2. Community Engagement Efforts | 10 |
| 9.3. Localized Health Impacts | 15 |
| 9.4. Technology Replicability | 5 |
| 9.5. Project Support Letters | 5 |
| Total Possible Points for criteria 9 (Minimum Passing Score for criteria 9 is 70% or 35.00) | 50 |
| Total Possible Points for Proposal | 165 |



Scoring Weights and Minimum Passing Requirements





Scoring Criteria 9 Details

9.1 Benefits to Disadvantaged/Low-Income Communities

- a) Identifies and describes the energy and economic needs of the community based on project location, and what steps the applicant has taken to identify those needs.
- b) Identifies and describes how the project will increase access to clean energy or sustainability technologies for the local community.
- c) Identifies and describes how the proposed project will improve opportunities for economic impact including customer bill savings, job creation, collaborating and contracting with micro-, local, women-owned and/or minority owned, and small-businesses, economic development, and expanding community investment.
- d) Identifies how the projects' primary beneficiaries are residents of the identified disadvantaged/low income community(ies) and describes how they will directly benefit from the project outcomes.



Scoring Criteria 9 Details

9.2 Communities Community Engagement Efforts

- a) Identifies how community input was solicited and considered in the design of the project.
- b) Identifies and describes how the impacted community will be engaged in project implementation.
- c) Identifies and describes how and where the applicant will disseminate appropriate language and culturally appropriate education materials and career information.
- d) Identifies how the project, if successful, will build community capacity.



Scoring Criteria 9 Details

9.3 Localized Health Impacts

- a) Summarizes the potential localized health benefits and impacts of the proposed project and provides reasonable analysis and assumptions.
- b) Identifies how the proposed project will reduce or not otherwise impact the community's exposure to pollutants and the adverse environmental conditions caused by pollution and/or climate change. If projects have no impacts in this criterion, provide justification for why impacts are neutral.
- c) Identifies health-related Energy Equity indicators and/or health-related factors in CalEnviroScreen 3.0 that most impact the community and describes how the project will reduce or not otherwise impact the indicators or factors.



Scoring Criteria 9 Details

9.4 Technology Replicability

- a) Identifies how the project, if successful, will lead to increased deployment of the technology or strategy in other disadvantaged or low-income communities. Identifies and describes how the project will increase access to clean energy or sustainability technologies for the local community.

9.5 Project Support Letters

- a) Includes letters of support from technology partners, community based organizations, environmental justice organizations, or other partners that demonstrate equity, feasibility, and commercial viability in low-income and disadvantaged communities.



Next Steps

- Roll out new scoring in relevant solicitations and ERDD sub-team will pilot the scoring criteria evaluation process
- Complete briefings on Scoring Criteria



QUESTIONS?