

(Only those proposals that qualified in Tier-1 evaluations will be considered in Tier-2 evaluations. No additional application is required for Tier-2.)

**TIER-2 CRITERIA FOR A NM UNIT OR A WATER UTILIZATION  
ALTERNATIVE [1010 total points possible]**

1. [570] If the proposal would extend the water supply through conservation, or increase the supply through development of new water,
  - a. Describe the location and verify the ownership of and legal access to lands related to the proposal. [0 to 30 points]
  - b. Identify the source of the water to be put to use. [0 to 10 points]
  - c. Describe and quantify whether and how the proposal would extend the water supply through conservation, or increase the supply through development of new water in the Southwest Planning Region. [4 points for each 10 AF up to 500 points]
  - d. Demonstrate how the proposal would meet AWSA and CUFA requirements. [up to 30 points] (see [www.AWSAplanning.com](http://www.AWSAplanning.com) for AWSA and CUFA documents)
  
2. [40] Describe the proposal and its technical viability.
  - a. Include any (or reference publicly-available) technical and engineering studies completed and demonstrate how these studies support the proposal. [up to 20 points]
  - b. Include any (or reference publicly-available) hydrologic, ecologic, or geotechnical studies completed and demonstrate how information included in these studies specifically supports or detracts from the proposal. [up to 20 points]
  
3. [40] Quantify estimated costs.
  - a. Quantify the proposal's estimated costs, including planning, design, and/or construction, and administration or oversight. [up to 10 points]
  - b. If applicable, quantify the proposed project's on-going administrative, operational, and maintenance costs. [up to 10 points]
  - c. Describe environmental compliance activities, and quantify the costs for environmental mitigation and restoration related to the proposal. [up to 10 points]
  - d. Quantify the AWSA funding sought for the proposal and for the pendency of the proposed activity's or project's duration. [up to 10 points]
  
4. [40] If proposal impacts, beneficially or adversely, the environment of the Southwest Planning Region, the Gila River, its tributaries or associated riparian corridors, use the best available science to:
  - a. Describe and quantify how the proposal might impact the project site and environment, particularly state and federally-listed species. [up to 10 points]
  - b. Describe and quantify the proposal's efforts to mitigate possible adverse impacts on the environment, particularly riparian areas and state and federally-listed species in the Gila Basin and at the specific location of the proposal. [up to 10 points]
  - c. Describe and quantify how the proposal may benefit the environment, particularly riparian areas and state and federally-listed species in the Gila Basin and at the specific location of the proposal. [up to 10 points]

- d. List any environmental statutes, rules, or regulations that may apply to the proposal, and demonstrate how the proposal implementation will comply with such laws, rules or regulations. [up to 10 points]
5. [70] Describe any economic or cost analysis information and data for the proposal:
  - a. Quantify estimated economic benefits including environmental, recreation, value of water itself, value of the water to the regional economy, increased economic growth, protection against loss of jobs, agriculture, ranching, local economic sustainability or growth, or other. [up to 10 points]
  - b. Quantify estimated costs including planning, design, and/or construction, environmental compliance, operation, maintenance, repair, and administrative costs or other. [10]
  - c. Identify the source of local contributions and demonstrate the commitment and ability to pay any local cost-share for project proposal, including any applicable exchange costs [1 point for every % of project cost to be borne by local sponsor up to 50 points]
6. [120] Describe how the proposal addresses the needs of a particular group or groups or interests on the issues of
  - a. Historic uses, traditions, cultures, and customs. [up to 10 points]
  - b. Current and future demands for water in the Southwest Planning Region. [up to 20 points]
  - c. Flood control.[up to 20 points]
  - d. Fire protection, prevention, or suppression. [up to 20 points]
  - e. Recreation. [up to 20 points]
  - f. Environmental protection and/or enhancement. [up to 20 points]
  - g. Any others. [up to 10 points]
7. [40] List those supporting the application, including federal, state, and local government entities; Indian nations, tribes or pueblos; irrigation or conservation districts; non-profit organizations; and other entities. Provide letters or resolutions of support for the application. [up to 40 points]
8. [30] Describe whether the proposal would benefit one or more than one of the counties in the Southwest New Mexico Planning Region – Catron, Grant, Hidalgo, and/or Luna Counties. [10 points/county up to 40 points]
9. [50] Describe whether the proposal would support economic growth or benefit one or more than one of the following interests in the Southwest New Mexico Planning Region – agricultural, ranching, municipal, recreational, or other (specify). [10 points/interest up to 50 points]