

## Attachment 1 - Water Quality Project Criteria

Avila Settlement water quality improvement project criteria established by the Regional Board July 1998:

1. **Water Quality Focus:** Proposals focused on protection and/or enhancement of water quality received higher scores. Projects must directly benefit or study ground water or surface water and their beneficial uses. For the purposes of this process, water quality improvement projects are defined as any project that investigates, preserves, protects, or improves the quality of ground water or surface water.
2. **Geographical nexus:** Staff gave highest scores to projects located in Avila Beach, and decreased value as with distance from original impact location. All proposals were located in the San Luis Obispo Creek watershed or on the Port San Luis coast.
3. **Petroleum nexus:** Proposals related to petroleum discharges or petroleum pollution were scored higher for this item.
4. **Beneficial use type:** Proposals that created some measure of future beneficial use protection were scored higher for the criterion.
5. **Region-wide Use or Benefit:** Projects providing both a local and region-wide value were scored higher for this category.
6. **Leveraged Funding:** Some projects were used as seed money to create a much greater or leveraged impact through contribution of matching funds. Scores in this category were based on level of leveraging proposed Regional Board funding.
7. **Institutional stability and capacity:** This is a measure of the proponent's ability to accomplish proposed scope of work.