

**Attachment 2: Criteria for Use of the NPS Monitoring Fund (\$950,000)**

Criteria Established by the Board	Regional Board Approved Additional Criteria
<p>The Nonpoint Source Monitoring Fund is for comprehensive monitoring to evaluate implementation and effectiveness of activities funded by the NPS Project Fund and other NPS activities in Elkhorn Slough and Moss Landing Harbor and in watersheds tributary to the Slough and Harbor.</p>	<p>Projects must demonstrate ability to evaluate project effectiveness or provide larger scale watershed trend monitoring</p>
	<p>Projects must be consistent and coordinated with the Central Coast Ambient Monitoring Program and other monitoring activities</p>
	<p>Projects must provide data in a format approved by the Regional Board</p>
	<p>Projects must develop and submit a Quality Assurance Project Plan for Regional Board approval</p>
	<p>Projects must provide sound scientific information</p>
	<p>Project will be ranked higher if it provides information on effectiveness of management practices where such information is either unknown or has not been evaluated for local conditions</p>
	<p>Project will be ranked higher if it evaluates the effectiveness of watershed-scale management practice implementation</p>
	<p>Project will be ranked higher if it provides long-term information on established sites</p>
	<p>Up to 30% of funds may be used to evaluate management practices effectiveness; the remainder will be used for larger scale watershed trend monitoring</p>