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Draft Memorandum of Understanding Priority Criteria for Financing and Prioritizing Flood Control or Stream Restoration Projects

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1. Flood Control:
 - a. Public Safety/Welfare
 - b. Community, residence, businesses, building endangerment
 - c. Livestock/Out Building endangerment
 - d. Pasture land endangerment

2. Stream Restoration:
 - a. Endangerment to homes, buildings or roads
 - b. Property loss
 - c. Salmonid, endangered species habitat
 - d. Gravel removal

3. Cost Considerations for Funding:
 - a. Landowner Financing available
 - b. Availability of District Budget Appropriations
 - c. Projections for Pre-approved on-going Projects
 - d. Savings Account Balance availability

All applicable projects will be subject to approval by the RVCWD Board of Directors. Projects will be considered on a “first come first serve” basis and/or by Priority. Projects may be completed or financed over more than one fiscal year.

In Addition to the above; the following are questions the Board may use in discussing and prioritizing projects:

1. Is the person willing to contribute and participate?
2. What are the potential losses and/or gains?
3. How urgent is the problem?
4. How many people are affected by the issue or problem?

5. How much will the remedy cost?
6. How likely is the remedy to work?
7. What is the history of the problem – how fast is it developing? Is there a chance it will go away or fix itself over time?
8. How much money do we currently have to work with? We need to keep some in reserve for emergencies.
9. How does the problem fit with our other work and plans?
10. What other projects are competing for funds?
11. What risk is there of doing harm?
12. Are there social issues with the project – what people will think?
13. What are the cost/benefits of the project?
14. Will it get permitted? What environmental issues are there?
15. Might there be grant money available for the project?
16. Is financial assistance available for the property owner?
17. What responsibility does the property owner have for the situation?