



# Verbal Scoring Guide

<b>Student(s) Name/Code:</b>	<b>Project Name:</b>
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**55 pts**  
Worth 65% of final score

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INNOVATION						
Minimal		Adequate		Impressive		Value
0	1	2	3	4	5	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifies a minor local issue with existing techniques in a common application</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifies an important local environmental issue</li> <li>Uses existing techniques in a new application</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifies a substantial environmental issue: local, national or international</li> <li>Uses a new approach or an existing technique in a highly creative manner</li> </ul>		
ENVIRONMENTAL POTENTIAL						
0	2	4	6	8	10	Value
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solution has little or no environmental improvement</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solution has positive environmental improvement but may be difficult to repeat in other places of the watershed</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solution could result in a clear environmental improvement and could easily be repeated in other places in the watershed</li> </ul>		
COMPREHENSIVE SCOPE AND COMMUNICATION						
0	2	4	6	8	10	Value
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Common knowledge has been applied. The proposal presents a basic understanding of the problem and its solution</li> <li>No clear introduction or conclusion</li> <li>No references provided; may have copied a single source. Little research</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project has an adequate degree of vision and complexity</li> <li>Has an introduction, body, and conclusion but flow between ideas is weak</li> <li>Several sources provided. Some research</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project thoroughly reflects a <u>deep understanding</u> of the issue, its solution, and complexity</li> <li>Introduction, body and conclusion are captivating, flow smoothly and are well-balanced</li> <li>Many sources cited throughout proposal. Extensive research</li> </ul>		
BUDGET						
0	1	2	3	4	5	Value
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No costs of project have been mentioned or values mentioned appear unrealistic</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Costs of the project have been analyzed. Values appear accurate but a few costs may be missing</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A detailed budget has been included. Values appear accurate and all encompassing</li> </ul>		
REALISTIC SOLUTION						
0	2	4	6	8	10	Value
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project may not adhere to existing laws</li> <li>This project is unlikely to be implemented</li> <li>No steps have been taken to show how it could be implemented</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project complies with existing laws</li> <li>This project is likely to happen at the local level</li> <li>Some steps have been taken to show how it could be implemented</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project complies with existing laws and avoids undesirable side effects</li> <li>This solution is <u>highly practical</u> and may benefit other watersheds</li> <li>This proposal has <u>taken many steps</u> to show how this idea could be implemented</li> </ul>		
VISUALS						
0	1	2	3	4	5	Value
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visuals are incorrect, unattractive or ambiguous</li> <li>Visuals do not add new information</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some visuals are used, but are not clearly explained</li> <li>Visuals support the project</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visuals are unique, appealing, descriptive, and accurate</li> <li>Visuals significantly enhance the idea, such as PowerPoint, videos, displays, poems or charts</li> </ul>		
VERBAL PRESENTATION						
0	2	4	6	8	10	Value
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poor enthusiasm, eye contact, posture, and voice projection</li> <li>Does not engage the judges</li> <li>Not all group members speak</li> <li>Poor response to judge's questions</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good enthusiasm, eye contact, posture, and voice projection.</li> <li>Judges are engaged in the presentation, but not all group members speak</li> <li>Good response to judge's questions</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excellent enthusiasm, eye contact, posture, and voice projection</li> <li>Judges are engaged. The presentation is interesting and empowering</li> <li>All group members speak (does not have to be equal but each member must verbally participate)</li> <li>Confident and accurate response to judge's questions</li> </ul>		

**Comments** (may be shared with team):

**Judge's Initial:**

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