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1. I understand why the Watershed Function category wouldn't be as competitive as Acquiring Water Rights. Watershed Function involves: ...upland/riparian/instream changes that restore natural watershed functions, benefitting threatened salmonids... However they will tend to be less competitive within this grant program. Potentially projects include seven elements including:

- Land acquisition: Acquisitions, conversions, easements that protect streambanks, promote a healthy riparian corridor, preserve an area against future development.
- Levee modification: Levee setback projects that change the slope, location, planting, or the structure, and improves stream conditions, will be considered.

Elements that result in a direct benefit to groundwater (like the two listed above) should be at least as competitive as the other categories. Acquisitions prevent ongoing groundwater extraction and levee setbacks likely elevate water tables.

2. Land acquisition of developed properties and the subsequent removal of a house should also be included as an eligible action (along with preserving an area against future development) since removing the structures would eliminate ongoing groundwater extraction.