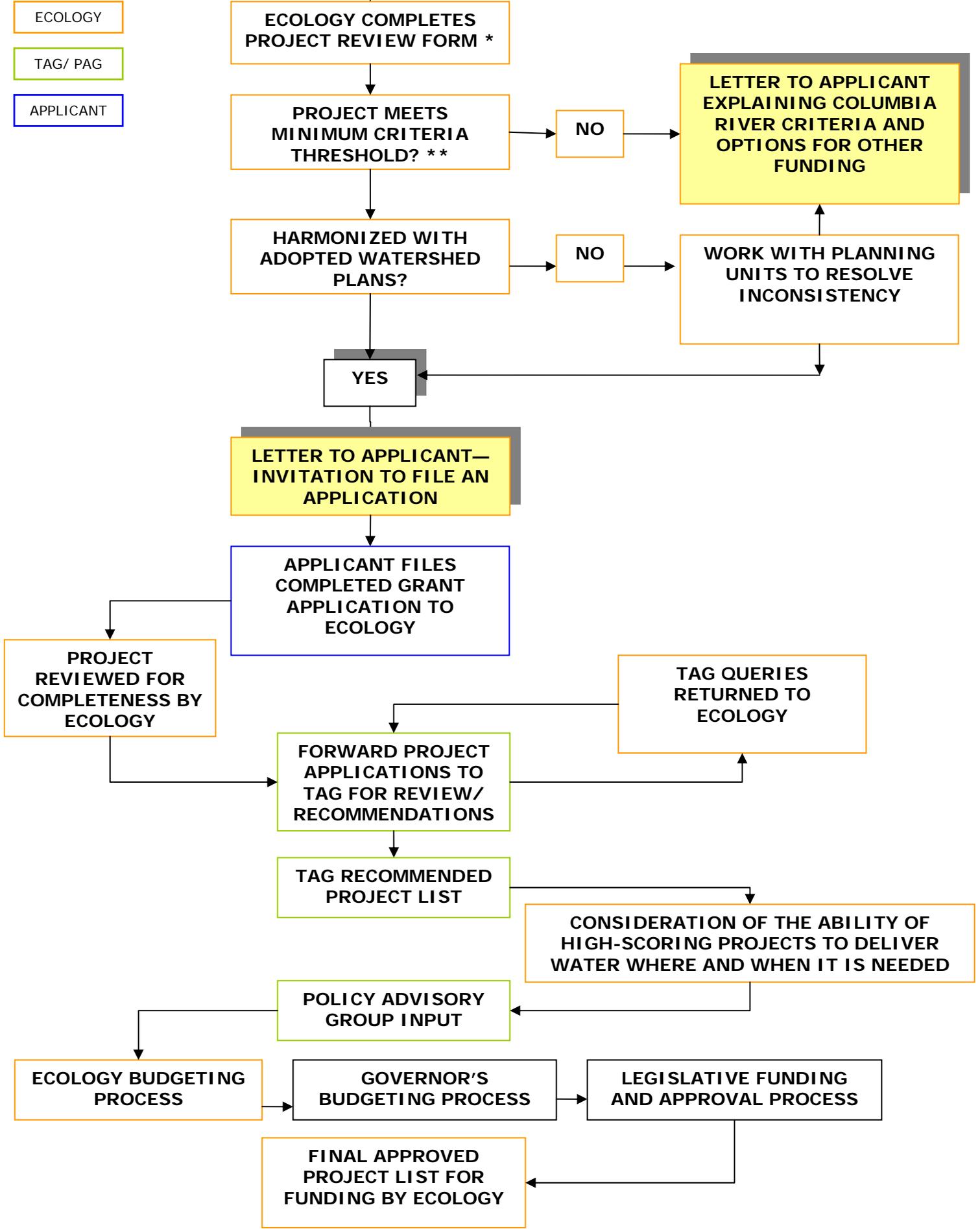


**PRE-APPLICATION:
PROJECT RESEARCH AND
REVIEW**



**Columbia River Basin Water Management Program
GRANT APPLICATION PROCEDURES FLOW CHART**



*The intent of the pre-application process and water right review is to evaluate whether a valid water right likely exists for the project. It is not a tentative determination of the extent and validity of a water right. However, Ecology will use many of the same tools that it uses when preparing a Report of Examination for a water right transfer, including a site examination and evaluation of historic beneficial use. This process is similar to that used in Ecology's Irrigation Efficiency Program.

**A project may not meet minimum program criteria because the water is not "trustable" (e.g. based on a claim), because water saved by the project does not accrue to the Columbia River, or because the water saved by the project cannot be reallocated to new uses by Ecology. In addition, a water right may not meet minimum water right criteria because of uncertainty about whether a relinquishment exemption exists to excuse nonuse, because a change application for the water right may be needed, because a new water right may be needed, or others.