



Disadvantaged Communities Workshop

Friday May 20, 2016

8:30-4:00

Forest Suites, 1 Lake Parkway

South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Workshop Purpose: Bring IRWM practitioners from the Sierra, eastern California and beyond together for a day of discussions centered on improving meaningful engagement, involvement and capacity building of DACs within the IRWM context. As a working session our focus will be on identifying aspirational and practical next steps participants can take to assist DACs in achieving quality of life improvements and opportunities for collaboration among the communities.

Desired Outcomes:

- (1) Establish shared meaning as to what the participants view as the ultimate goals for DAC efforts
- (2) Inform understanding about the types of projects & activities potentially available to support DAC:
 - a. Engagement
 - b. Involvement and capacity building within the context of IRWM and beyond;
- (3) A broadened network of IRWM practitioners supporting inter-and intra-regional coordination of DAC related activities.

Agenda:

Time	Item	Presenter
8:30 AM	Welcome & introduction, goals for the day	Mark Drew
9:00	<i>DWR presentation & discussion</i> Prop. 84 DAC Program activities and recommendations	Melissa Sparks
9:30	<i>SWRCB presentation & discussion</i> SWRCB DAC Technical Assistance and other grant programs supporting DACs-	Meghan Tosney
10:00	<i>Break</i>	
10:15	<i>California Rural Water Association-presentation & discussion</i> Past and current support opportunities for DACs-	Dustin Hardwick
10:45	<i>SWWG presentation</i> Geospatial mapping tool for Sierra IRWMPs	Kate Gladstein
11:15	<i>Inyo-Mono IRWM Program presentation</i> DAC work to date	Holly Alpert



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11:45	<i>Mojave IRWM Program presentation</i> DAC work to date	Lance Eckhart
12:15 PM	<i>Lunch</i>	
1:15	<i>Breakout Session by Funding Areas</i> Discussion of the local context and opportunities for the future	Mark Drew, All
2:45	<i>Break</i>	
3:00	<i>Plenary discussion</i> Inter- and intra-regional opportunities for DAC project coordination	Lisa Beutler, All
3:45	<i>Next steps</i> Next proposed workshop	Mark Drew, All

Breakout Session Questions:

1. What is the overall goal?
 - What is the change each region is striving for in relation to DACs and water resources management?
2. What is the overall status of interactions among and between water managers and the DAC's? For example:
 - To what degree have DACs been identified and mapped within each IRWM Program?
 - To what extent are the water-related needs of DAC communities in your area known? (E.g. technical, managerial, financial or otherwise in scope.)
 - Related to "needs" surveys or assessments, what kinds of surveys have been completed and by whom?
 - To what degree have outreach activities been attempted to encourage participation from DACs? What have been the results?
3. How are county governments and other governmental agencies involved in assisting small water systems serving DACs? What drives decisions by these agencies to participate or not participate?
4. What is the level of understanding regarding local water-rate structures with respect to self-sufficiency and sustainability?
5. What are the primary barriers to achieving the desired change?
6. What are the most promising options for creating improvements for the DACs in your area?