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DAC Engagement in IRWM

- Prop. 84 interregional funding supported 7
 DAC pilot projects
- Program goal: To identify and engage DACs in meaningful participation in the IRWM process and to conduct water-related needs assessment
- Total DAC Pilot Program \$2.749M

Region	Award Amount
North Coast	\$500,000
Kings Basin	\$500,000
Greater Los Angeles	\$500,000
Coachella	\$500,000
Imperial	\$153,000
Santa Cruz	\$100,000
Inyo-Mono	\$496,000
TOTAL	\$2,749,000



DAC Pilot Study Program Activities

Utilized mapping tools and indicators to identify DACs, including:

- · Population MĤI
- Education levels Unemployment
- Home ownership Others

Found specific types of engagement strategies worked for different communities, including:

- Identifying well-known and trusted community leaders, or community-based organizations to engage with community
- Sensitivity around agencies entering communities
- Sensitivity in how communities or community members are identified (i.e. the term < Dack> was offensive)

Gathered data and conducted surveys to understand community needs,

- including:
 Door-to-door, inperson, and online surveys to identify waterrelated needs
- Evening community meetings to discuss needs and potential solutions
- Regional coordination with water and wastewater operators in discussing needs

Provided technical assistance to address community needs, including:

- Technical system operations training
- Education materials such as door hangers, information flyers, and documentaries
- Translated materials and guidance
- Facilitation services to resolve community conflicts 1:1 training
- workshops
- Grant writing workshops
- Planning, environmental, design activities for future construction

DAC Pilot Program Conclusions

- Continued need for DAC engagement and outreach
- Use trusted community leaders, CBOs, or NGOs to engage
- Other DAC indicators or criteria
- Use a wide variety of technical assistance approaches







DAC Pilot Program Conclusions, cont.

- IRWM regions will be stronger through partnerships
- Disadvantaged community challenges are recognized by the State
- The investment of IRWM is to engage all stakeholders and benefit all communities
- Social (human) networks are resilient and are built by collaborations like IRWM







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DWR IRWM DAC Efforts Timeline

Proposition 84



Proposition 1



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Looking Ahead - DACI RFP

- · Currently draft, final anticipated in June
- Ensure the involvement of disadvantaged communities (DACs), economically distressed areas (EDAs), or underrepresented communities in IRWM planning efforts
- Multiple types of eligible activities
 - Examples technical assistance, needs assessment, engagement efforts, project development, education
 - · Full List of Activities See Table 3 Draft DACI RFP

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http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/resources_dac.cfm

EDA Instructions:

 $\label{lem:http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/docs/Resources/EDA/Final Proposition\%201 Economically\%20Distressed\%20Area\%20Instructions.pdf$

EDA Mapping Tool:

http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/resources_eda.cfm

DWR Stakeholder Capacity Building Workshop Materials:

http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/partnership/

DWR IRWM Catalog of Resources (from the Capacity Building Workshop): http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/partnership/doc/IRWM%20Catalog%200%20Resource_FINAL.pdf

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