



# Small Systems Assistance Program

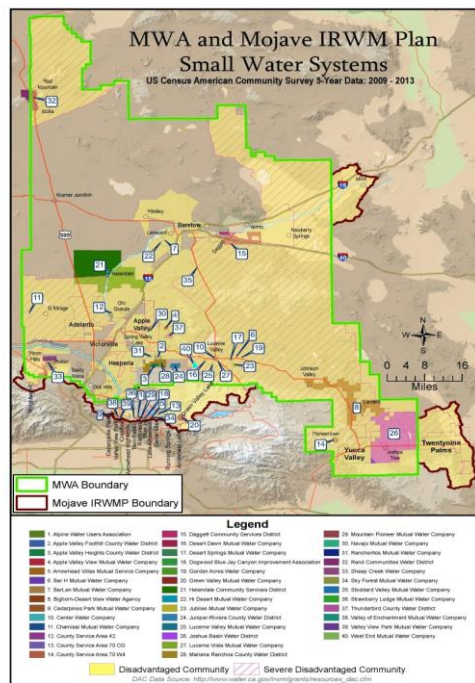
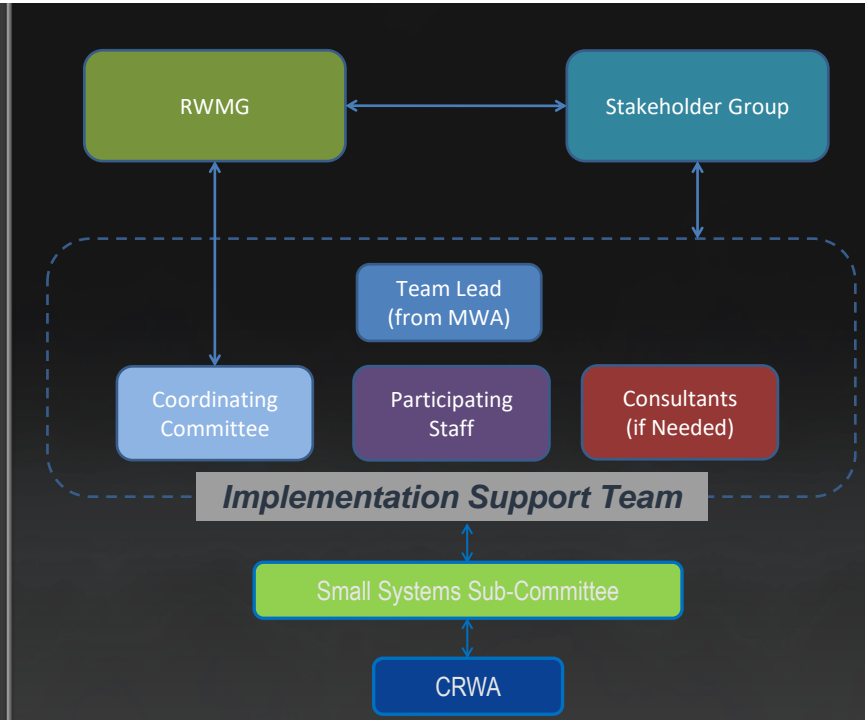
Focused Help for DACs – Mojave Region




## New Mojave IRWM Adopted Objectives

Plan Objectives Arranged by Priority

Urgency	High	<p><b>Tier 2</b></p>	<p><b>Tier 1</b></p>	<p><b>Tier 1</b></p> <p>Obj. 1 – Balance Supply &amp; Demand Obj. 3 – Maintain Stable GW Basins <b>Obj. 7 – Support &amp; Assist DACs</b></p>
	Medium	<p><b>Tier 3</b></p>	<p><b>Tier 3</b></p> <p>Obj. 8 – Improve Environmental Stewardship Obj. 13 – Establish Reliable Maintenance Funding Obj. 14 – Increase Use of Recycled Water</p>	<p><b>Tier 2</b></p> <p>Obj. 2 – Improve Water Use Efficiency Obj. 4 – Reduce Reliance on Delta Obj. 5 – Optimize Use of Assets Obj. 9 – Improve Floodplain Mgmt. Obj. 10 – Preserve Water Quality Obj. 11 – Obtain Financial Assistance Obj. 12 – Improve Public Awareness</p>
	Low	<p><b>Tier 4</b></p> <p>Obj. 6 – Prevent Land Subsidence</p>	<p><b>Tier 3</b></p>	<p><b>Tier 2</b></p>
		Low	Medium	High
		Importance		



US Census American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Data: 2009 – 2013

DAC = MHI of \$61,094  
SDAC = MHI of \$48,875



## Small Systems Program Design

- 1 Public/Private partnership to deliver services MWA can't – We needed help (ability, longevity, perception)
- 2 CRWA will first do a Needs Assessment covering all bases of TMF: Technical, Managerial, Financial
- 3 From the Needs Assessment CRWA will say we need to perform a variety of tasks. Examples (Rate study, energy analysis, conservation plan, leak detection, corporate compliance review)
- 4 These things are all intended to position the system for a pre-application for funding from a variety of sources



## Small Systems Accomplishments (~2 years)

- Conducted 15 Needs Assessments throughout our service area
  - First step for grant applications
- 7 Corporate Reviews in progress
  - Articles of incorporation, Bylaws and rules and regulation review
- 8 planning grant applications submitted to the CA SRF & 1 full grant authorized for emergency grant funding through the USDA



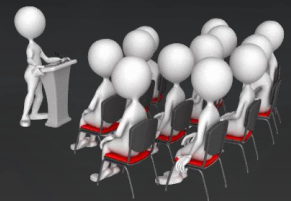
## Small Systems Accomplishments (~2 years)

- Conducted 227 visits to perform assistance on technical, managerial and Financial aspects of the water system
- 4 leak detection audits are completed
- 4 conservation plans are complete
- 3 rate studies are completed
- 5 Wastewater system reviews



## Small Systems Accomplishments (~2 years)

- Provided 10 workshops focused on water related topics
- Approximately 20-50 attendees at each workshop
- Lots of one on one or small group facilitation to get people curious and “to the table”





- Umbrella award
- Phase 1 Disadvantaged
- Possible Prop. 1

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Commitment Letter - 2015 Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant Award

Dear Mr. Brill:

We are pleased to inform you that the proposal, Mojave Region IRWM 2015 Round 3 Proposal, filed by Mojave Water Agency has been awarded funding by the Department of Water Resources (DWR). This letter serves as DWR's conditional commitment of \$2,607,604 in Proposition 84 grant funding for the proposal. This award is conditioned upon the execution of a Grant Agreement between DWR and your agency. A copy of the Grant Agreement template is available at the following website: [http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/resources\\_contracttemp.cfm](http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/resources_contracttemp.cfm)

The conditions that must be met before DWR will enter into a Grant Agreement with your agency and additional requirements that must be addressed to maintain eligibility and receive grant funds are listed in Attachment 1. Your timely attention to these requirements is very critical to execute the Grant Agreement. Failure to meet these conditions and requirements, in a timely manner, may result in DWR revoking the grant award.

Please return the requested information within the time periods listed in Attachment 1, to Alex Vdovichenko at:

Department of Water Resources  
 Post Office Box 942836  
 Sacramento, California 94236-0001

If you have any questions, please contact Alex Vdovichenko at (916) 651-9252 or [Aleksander.Vdovichenko@water.ca.gov](mailto:Aleksander.Vdovichenko@water.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

*Tracie L. Billington*  
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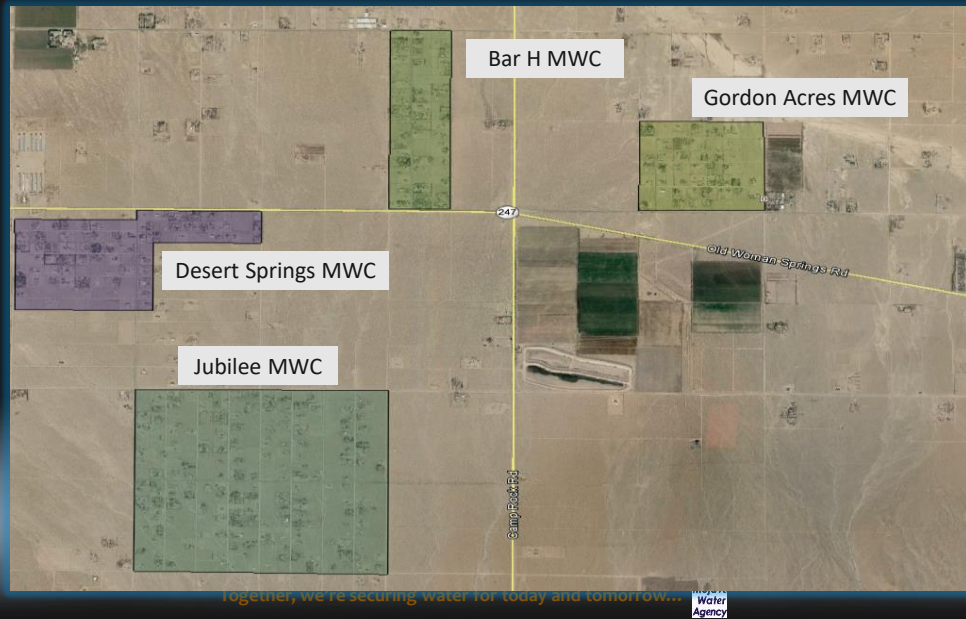
## Recent Win Gordon Acres MWC

- State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking water issued a planning grant from CASRF for Gordon Acres MWC for the amount not to exceed \$468,000
- May significantly increase future planning and capital funds if consolidation is an option





## Lucerne Valley, CA an Example of Potential Opportunities



## Takeaway's

1

Challenging to bridge the gap between funding sources and needs of smaller DACs

2

Local non-regulatory leadership is important (for us)

3

Partnerships (Multi-Agency Public, Regulatory, and Private) and trust are needed (as well as a sage, cheerleader, helicopter parent, Dutch Uncle & therapist)



## Takeaway's

4

Local successes validate the program to other DACs and yes... "You CAN survive the grant process!"

5

State/Federal funding is beginning to consistently come in... Consistently

6

The region and appears to be working better as a group rather than individual systems

Which includes locals discussing consolidation...

