



INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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Local Film on Water and Communities Released

July 7, 2014 – The Inyo-Mono Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program is proud to announce the release of its new documentary *Living in the Rain Shadow*. Produced in partnership with Bristlecone Media of Bishop, this film highlights water issues faced by economically disadvantaged communities in Inyo and Mono Counties and presents potential solutions to address these problems. Over half of the communities in the Inyo-Mono IRWM region are disadvantaged according to the California statutory definition (80% or less of the statewide median household income). Together with scarce water resources in this semi-arid climate, such disadvantage often means limited access to reliable and high-quality drinking water. The Inyo-Mono IRWM Program, in conjunction with counties, water districts, environmental organizations, tribes, and state and federal agencies, has been working since 2008 to address high-priority water issues in the region. This work has included bringing more than \$2 million in Proposition 84 IRWM grants into the region to develop a water planning document and implement on-the-ground water projects, several of which are highlighted in the film.

The 24-minute film is available to stream by visiting the Inyo-Mono website: <http://inyo-monowater.org/inyo-mono-irwm-plan-2/dac/findings/>. DVD copies will also be available later this summer. Contact Holly Alpert if you would like to receive one.

