

Partnerships: Making IRWM Even Stronger



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IRWM Partnerships

- IRWM encourages regional:
 - Collaboration
(all aspects of water resources in a region)
 - Interaction across boundaries
(jurisdictional, watershed, and political boundaries)
 - Engagement
(multiple agencies, stakeholders, individuals, and groups)
 - Mutually beneficial solutions
(addressing issues and differing perspectives)



Lessons Learned

- Lessons learned are important
 - DWR
 - IRWM regions



- Example of engagement, collaboration, and partnership in today's presentation

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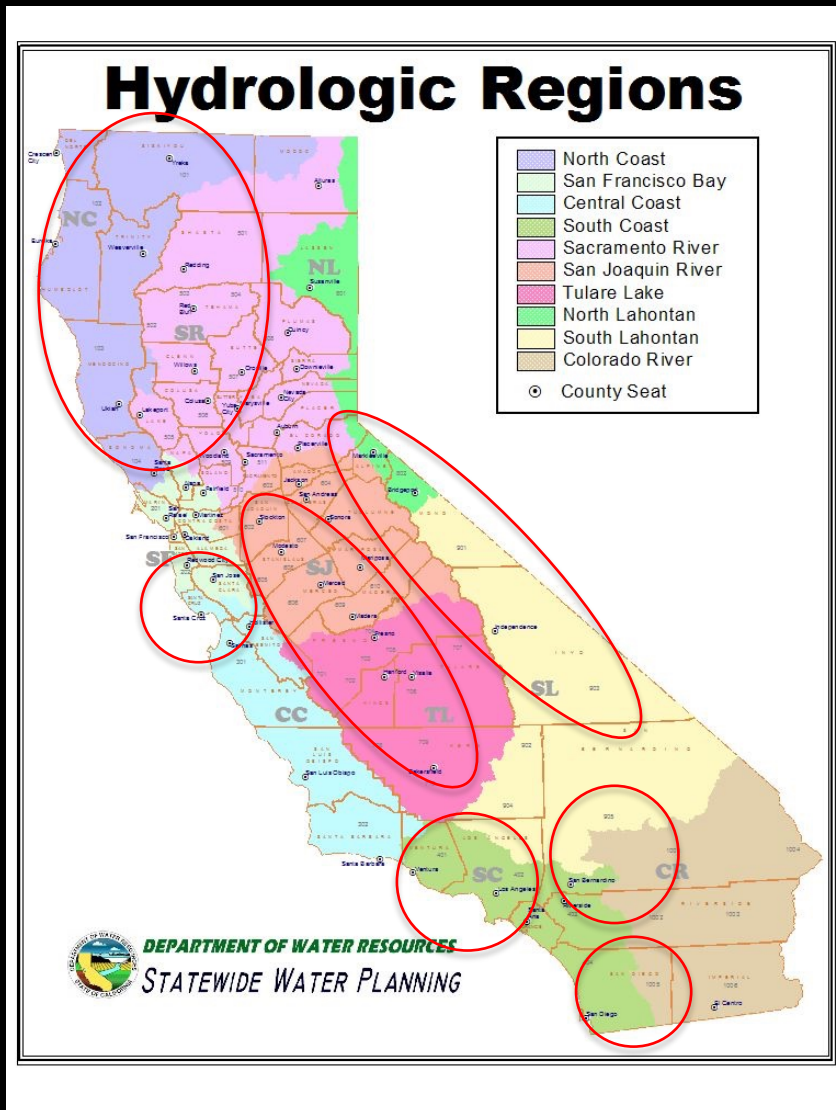
Replace “Outreach” with “Engagement”

Engagement Models:

1. Community-Led Engagement
 - Needed: institutions enhance their receptiveness
2. IRWM Institution-Led Project Outreach
 - Needed: more individualized engagement strategies
3. IRWM Institution-Led Community Needs Assessment
 - Needed: continued commitment to engagement activities



Disadvantaged Community Assistance Pilot Program



7 pilot projects:

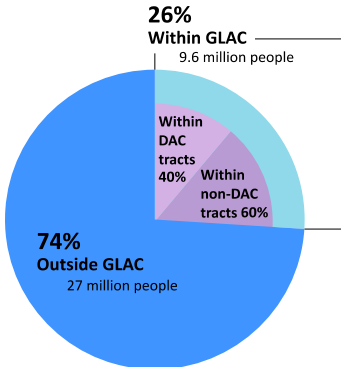
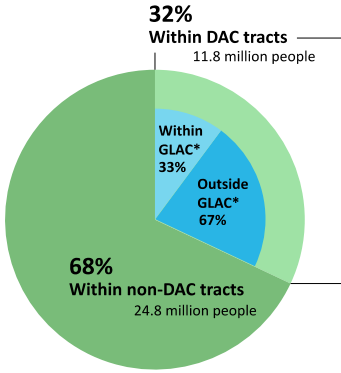
- Humboldt
- Santa Cruz
- Kings Basin
- Inyo-Mono
- Greater Los Angeles
- Coachella Valley
- Imperial Valley

GLAC Pilot Study

Figure 1. Population statistics by DAC tracts and the Greater Los Angeles County - Integrated Regional Water Management area (GLAC-IRWM)

CALIFORNIA POPULATION

Each circle represents 36.6 million people



* Greater Los Angeles County IRWM Area

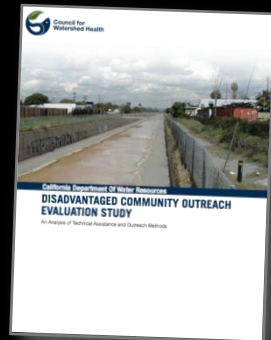
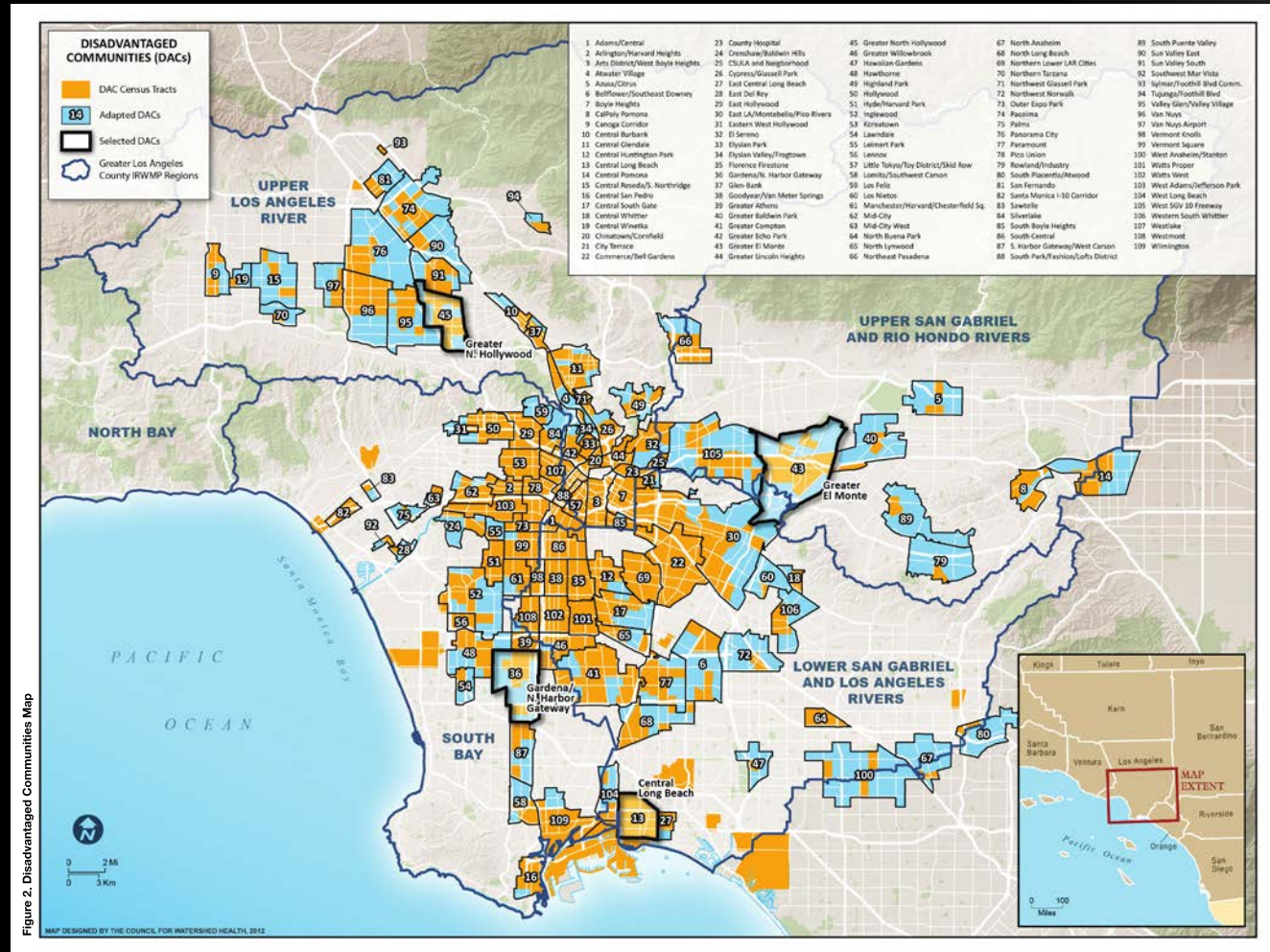
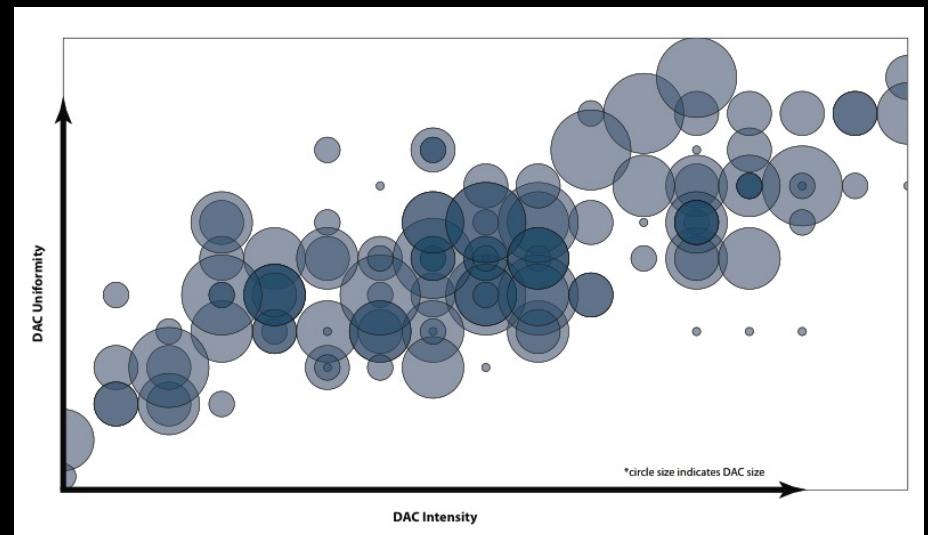


Figure 2. Disadvantaged Communities Map

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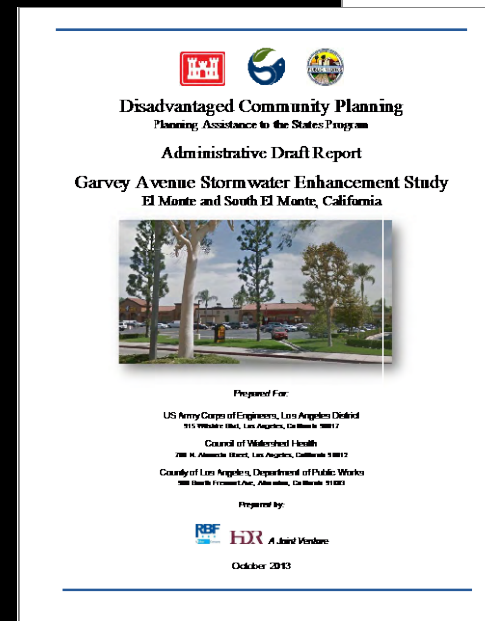
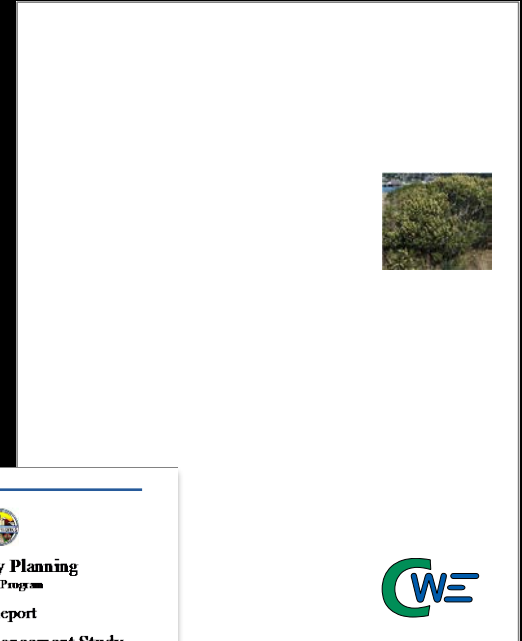
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 - Local flood hazard, drinking water quality, stormwater quality compliance, open space, *transportation network*
- Technical assistance
- “Dacks”

Indicator	Metric
Size	<i>population</i>
Uniformity	<i>park accessibility</i>
	<i>% households meeting DAC threshold</i>
	<i>home ownership</i>
Intensity	<i>MHI</i>
	<i>Median household rent</i>
	<i>Population turnover</i>
	<i>Educational Attainment</i>
	<i>Unemployment</i>



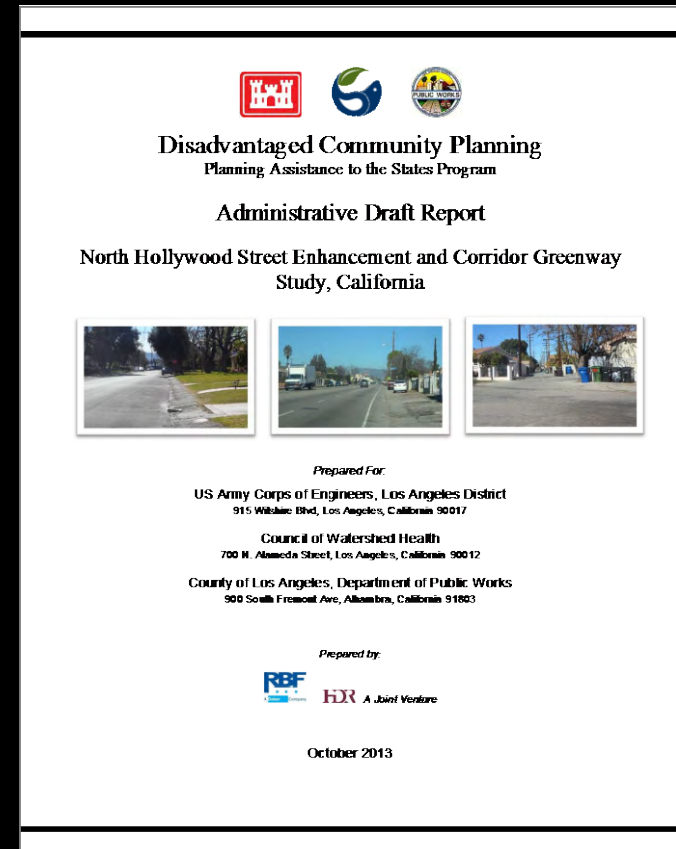
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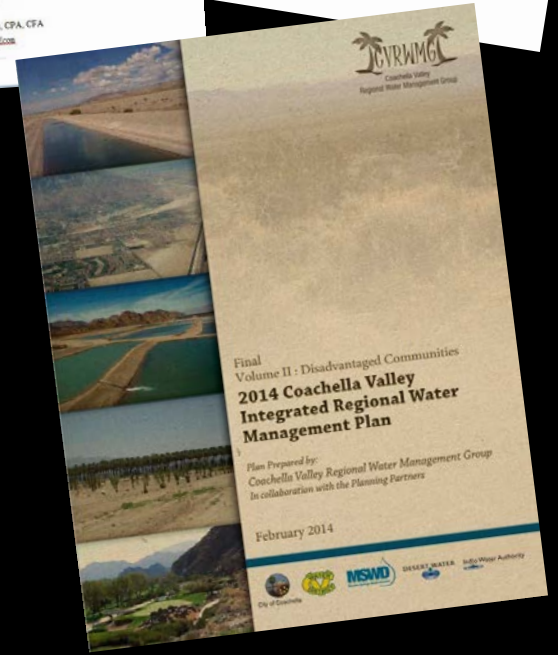
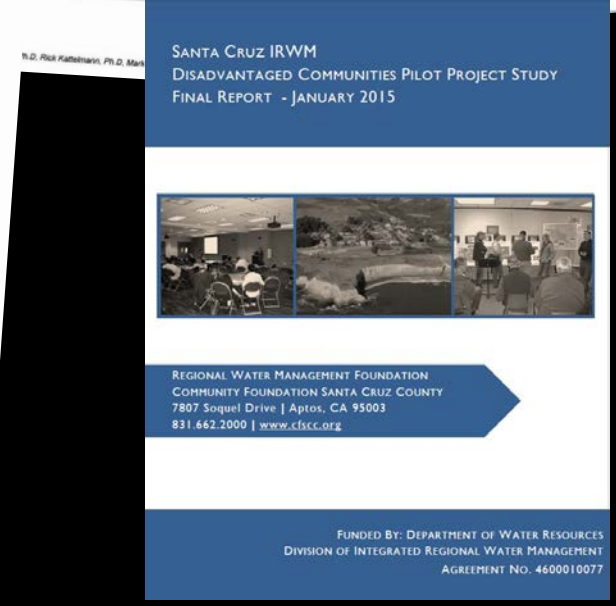
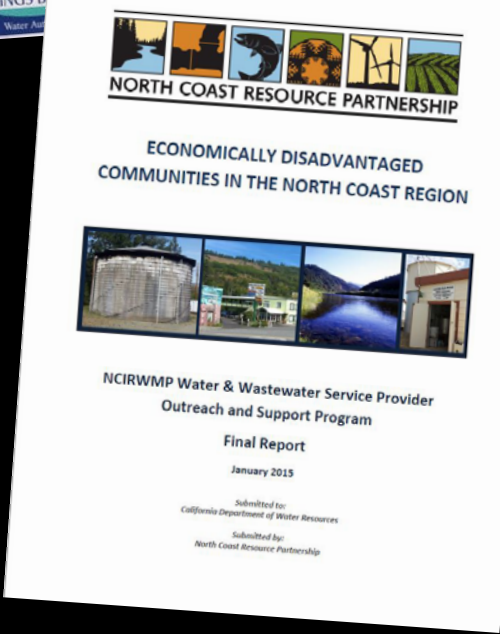
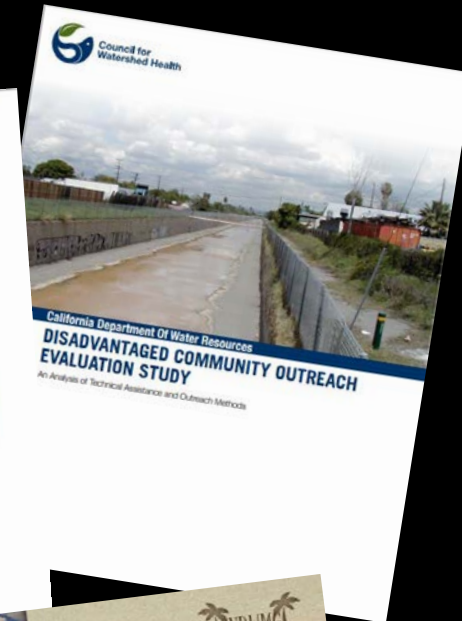
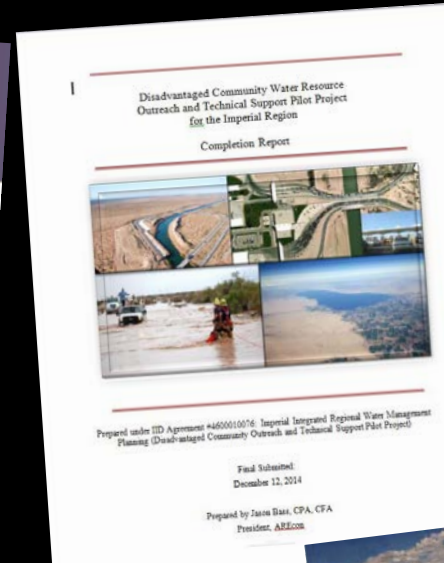
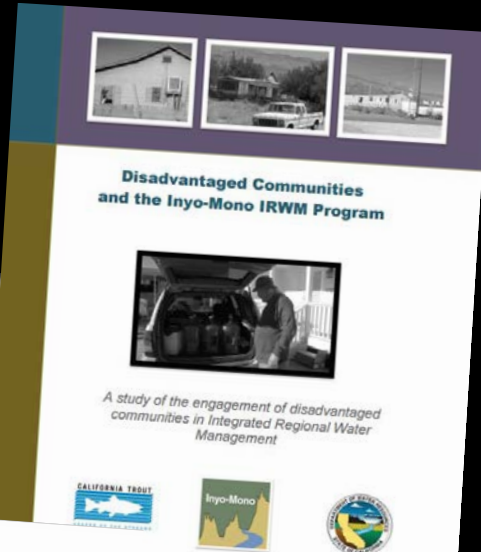
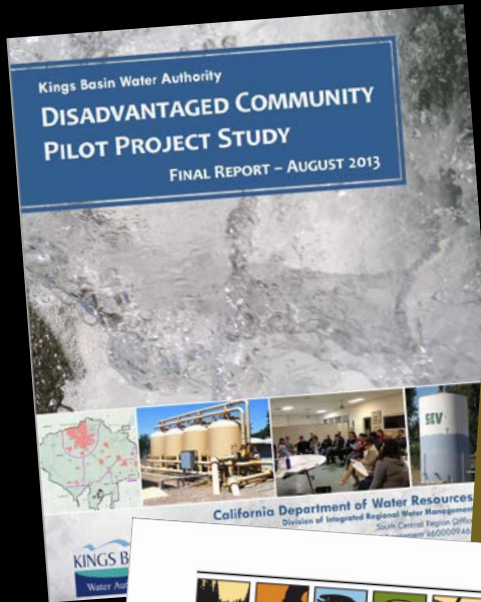


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Members of
disadvantaged
communities

Pilot Program Results



Summary of Pilot Program

UC Davis (Balazs, 2014)

1. Build on Synergies with Other Agencies Programs or Entities/Developing Relationships
2. DAC Coordinator/Liaisons
3. Data Reporting
4. Definition of Critical Needs & Differences Between Urban/Rural
5. Definition of DACs needs to be reconsidered or expanded/Defining Boundaries of DACs
6. Funding Support/Making Funding more Accessible to DACs
7. Legislative or Policy Connections/Efforts
8. Native American Tribal Considerations
9. Outreach Recommendations
10. Participation (Improving General Participation)
11. Participation of DACs in Governance
12. Private Well Communities
13. Rate Structures
14. Regionalization/Consolidation/Regional Collaboration
15. Technical Assistance (TA)/Capacity Building & Education
16. Water Conservation



Disadvantaged Community Visioning Workshop (December 2014)



Disadvantaged Community Visioning Workshop - Accomplishments

- Regional perspective
 - engaged, statewide network
 - How we framed the work / output:
 - Change we seek
 - Barriers to change
 - Objectives
 - Recommendations
- DWR perspective – 100+ recommendations
 - Funding
 - DAC Definition/Identification
 - Agency Alignment
 - Technical Assistance
 - Governance/Representation
 - Coordination
 - Disproportionate Impacts
 - Outreach/Education



**Disadvantaged Communities Visioning
Workshop December 3-5, 2014**

**Recommendations
January 31, 2015**

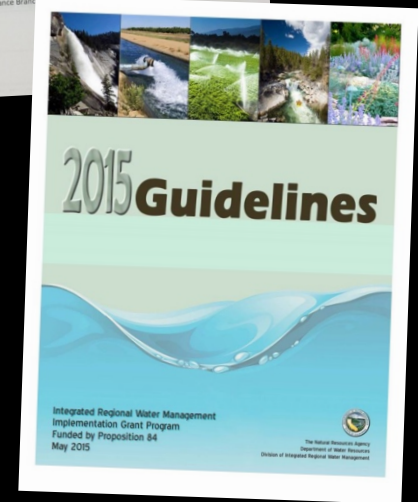
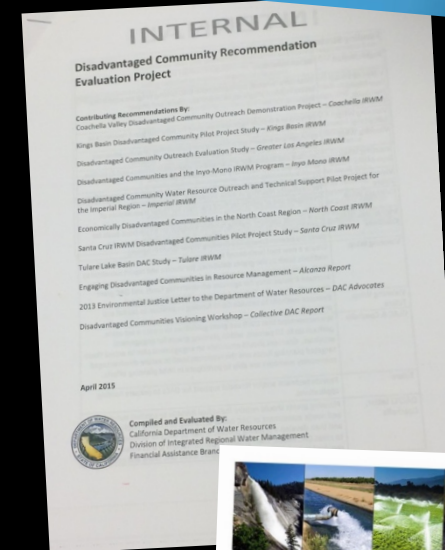
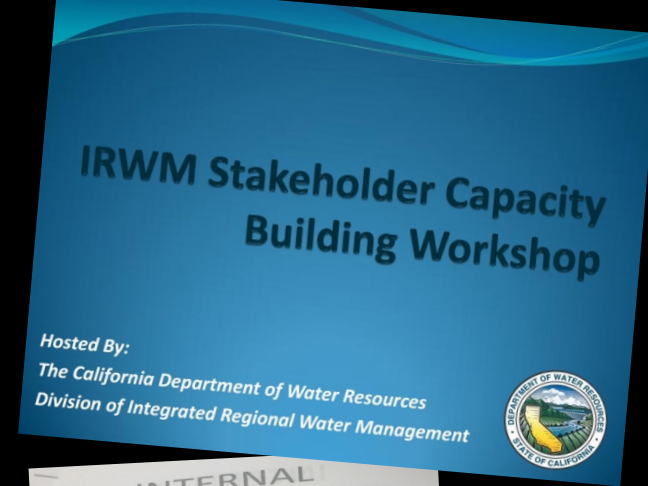


Things Mike is watching

- GLAC Disadvantaged Community Coordinator
- Center for Sustainable Water Solutions (SWRCB)
- AB 615 (Rendon)
 - Technical Assistance via new CSU “Center of Excellence”
 - *Center for Urban Water Resilience @ CSUN*
- SB 208 (Lara)
 - Advance grant payments for small, disadvantaged or NGO
- AB 156 (Perea)
 - Technical Assistance program within climate dollars

What's Happening Now for DWR

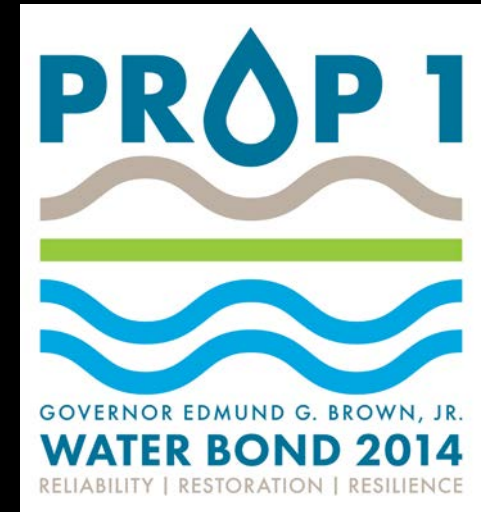
- DWR's IRWM Capacity Building Workshop
- DAC stakeholders inform IRWM Strategic Plan
- DWR has compiled lessons learned
- DWR considering input for the Grant Program
- Prop 84 Round 3 Guidelines
 - Continue 10% funding target for DACs
 - Water-related benefits to DAC (not just Critical Water Supply/Water Quality needs)
 - Regional incentive to include DACs in regional projects
 - Address the Human Right to Water Policy



What's Happening Next for DWR

- Prop 1 IRWM Grants Program

- Communication and engagement planning
 - Stakeholder Engagement and Advisory Committee (SEAC)
 - DAC involvement on SEAC
- Economically distressed areas definition
- Disadvantaged community involvement – 10%
- Disadvantaged community projects – 10%
- Waiver or reduction of 50% cost share



- IRWM Facilitation Services (limited)

- Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

- Facilitation Services available
- NGO/DAC Advisory Group

- Coordination with the State Board on Proposition 1 Funding Programs

Conclusion

- IRWM regions are will be stronger through partnerships
- Disadvantaged community challenges are recognized by DWR
- Investment of IRWM
 - Engagement and benefits to all communities
- Strong social networks are resilient, and are built by collaborations like IRWM



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Thank you!



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