

# COACHELLA VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT REGION



# Coachella Valley DAC Challenges

- ▣ Migrant worker Mobile Home Communities
- ▣ Served by ...
  - Private wells high in arsenic
  - Overburdened septic systems
- ▣ Far from municipal infrastructure
- ▣ Connection costs in millions
- ▣ No funding available
  - No matching funds available
  - No start up funds available
  - Most grants required completed design



# Affordable Solutions

- ▣ Short Term Arsenic Treatment Project
  - An interim solution - \$500,000
  - Well head treatment on private wells
  - Project sponsor - Pueblo Unido, a non- profit advocacy group
  - Successfully completed a pilot project
  
- ▣ Torres-Martinez Septic-to-Sewer Project
  - Round 2 funding limited and competitive
  - Project sponsor – Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, a DAC tribe
  - Seeking design funds only
  - Will qualify project for other funding opportunities



# BMP's for Successful DAC Projects



- ▣ Engage/Educate non-profit advocacy groups
- ▣ Provide Project Development Assistance
- ▣ Focus on affordable options that maximize IRWM goals, and advance projects toward completion
- ▣ Help DAC's identify/understand all project costs
  - ▣ *Matching funds, start up funds, connection fees*
- ▣ Make sure DAC's clearly understand agency role/limitations
- ▣ Transparent Stakeholder Process
- ▣ Start with unbiased scoring criteria