## 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

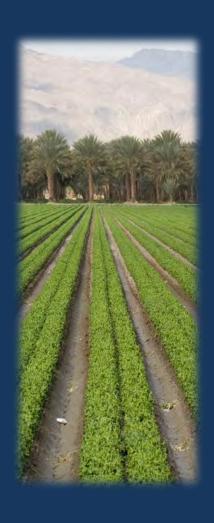


## Affordable Solutions

- 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