Proposition 1 Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Funding Update

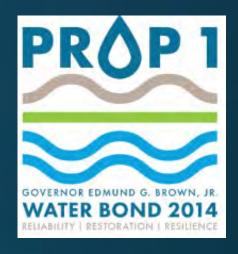
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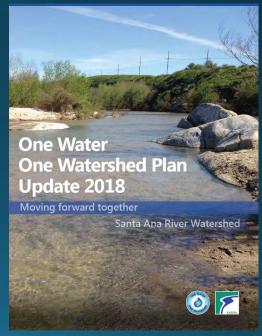




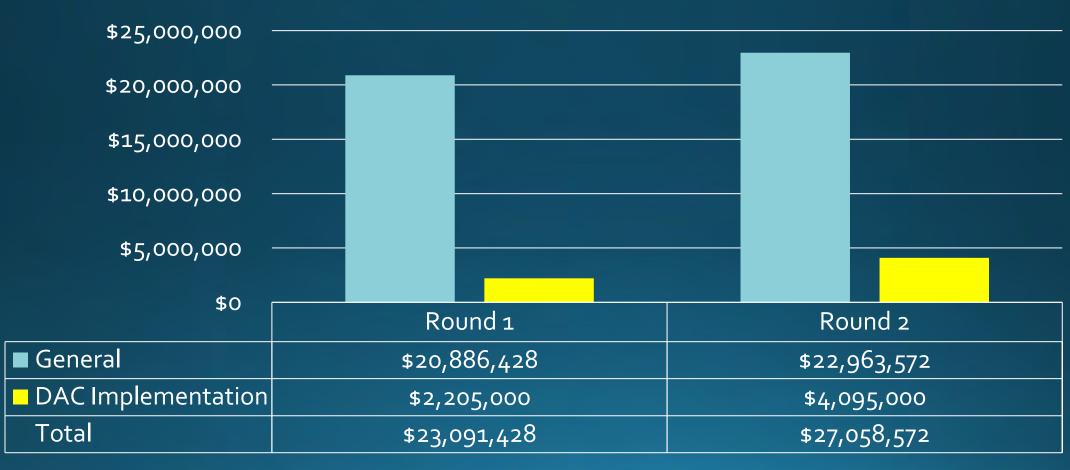
Prop 1 IRWM Requirements

- All overall project proposals must:
 - Respond to climate change, and
 - Contribute to regional water self-reliance.
- All individual projects must:
 - Address the most critical needs of the IRWM region which are reflected in its IRWM Plan,
 - Have an expected useful life of 15 years, and
 - Have CEQA/permits acquired within 12 months of final grant award (June 2021).





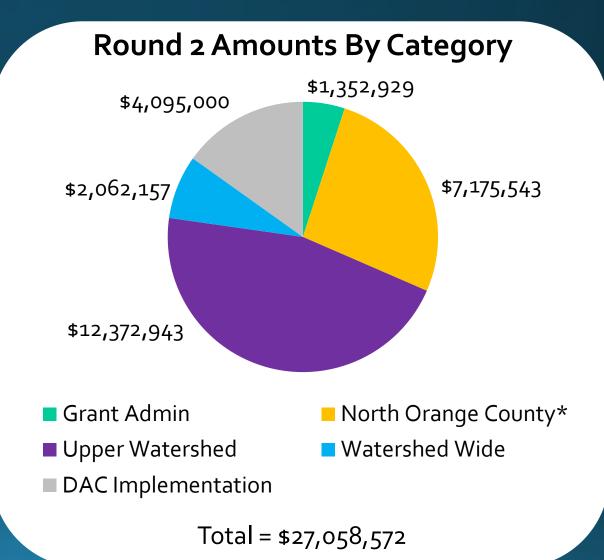
Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Funding for Watershed



Grand Total = \$50,150,000

Prop 1 Round 2 (More Detail)

- Categories created by Agreement executed with North Orange County IRWM Group in 2019.
- Will receive Committee approval of criteria for awarding upperwatershed, watershed-wide and DAC Implementation funding prior to opening call for projects.



Prop 1 IRWM Round 1 Final Project List

IRWM Solicitation	Project	Project Lead	Awarded Grant
One Water One Watershed	Replenish Big Bear*	Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency	\$4,563,338
	Evans Lake Tributary Restoration and Camp Evans Recreation	San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District	\$2,000,000
	Well 30 Wellhead Treatment Project	Monte Vista Water District	\$3,431,225
	Regional Comprehensive Landscape Rebate Program	Municipal Water District of OC and Project Partners**	\$2,767,344
	Physical Harvesting of Algal Biomass in Lake Elsinore – Pilot Program	City of Lake Elsinore	\$297,000
	Santa Ana Mountains Watershed Protection Project	Cleveland National Forest	\$497,998
	Enhancements to Watershed-Wide Water Budget Decision Support Tool	Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority	\$500,000
	Joint IEUA-JCSD Regional Water Recycling Program	Inland Empire Utilities Agency	\$2,617,970
North Orange County	Groundwater Replenishment System Final Expansion	Orange County Water District	\$3,5 ⁸ 9,553
North Orange County	Raitt & Myrtle Park	City of Santa Ana	\$1,670,000
N/A	Grant Management (5% of Total Grant Award)	Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority	\$1,157,000
Total		,	\$23,091,428

^{*}Receiving general implementation and DAC Implementation funding.

^{**}Eastern MWD, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, San Bernardino Valley MWD, Western MWD and Big Bear Lake Department of Water and Power.

Prop 1 IRWM Schedule



*Preliminary date shared by DWR

2021*

1* By 12/31/2020

Now

6/9/2020

Next Steps

- SAWPA-DWR grant agreement to be executed by December 31, 2020.
- Complete eligibility criteria checklist for compliance with items such as:
 - Stormwater planning,
 - Groundwater regulations, and
 - Water metering regulations.
- Respond to DWR's questions on the scopes, budgets and schedules for the 10 projects.





Questions





2019 SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT

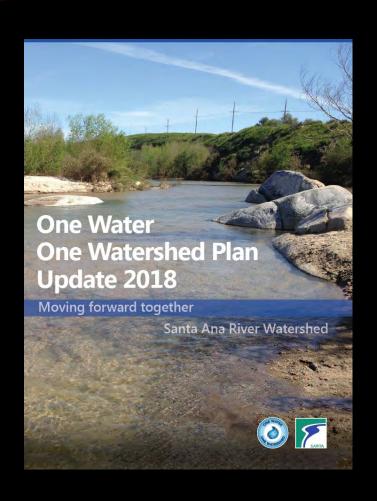
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OWOW PLAN UPDATE 2018



The six goals of the OWOW Plan Update 2018 are to:

- Achieve resilient water resources through innovation and optimization.
- Ensure high-quality water for all people and the environment.
- Preserve and enhance recreational areas, open space, habitat, and natural hydrologic function.
- Engage with members of disadvantaged communities to diminish environmental injustices.
- Educate and build trust between people and organizations.
- Improve data integration, tracking, and reporting to strengthen decision making.

ASSESSMENT AND INDICATORS

Rating System



Negative



Neutral



Positive



No Data

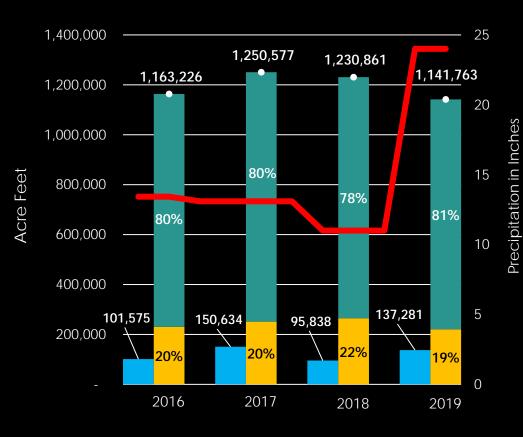
OWOW Goal	Indicator No.	Indicator Definition	Rating from 2018 Assessment	Rating from 2019 Assessment
Achieve resilient water resources through	1	Maximization of locally- managed supplies		\odot
innovation & optimization	2	Efficiency of outdoor water use	\odot	<u> </u>
Ensure high quality water for all people & the environment	3	Maintenance of groundwater salinity at target levels	\odot	\odot
	4	Safety of water for contact recreation		<u> </u>
Preserve & enhance recreational areas, open space, habitat	5	Abundance of riparian vegetation	\odot	<u>:</u>
	6	Abundance of conserved open space	\odot	\odot
Engage with members of disadvantaged communities	7	Equitable access to clean drinking water	$\stackrel{\square}{=}$	3
	8	Equitable implementation of climate change adaptation		3
Educate & build trust	9	Collaboration for more effective outcomes	:	\odot
between people & organizations	10	Adoption of a watershed ethic		\odot
Improve data integration, tracking & reporting to strengthen decision-making	11	Broaden access to data for decision-making	©	·
	12	Participation in a regional database.	<u>:</u>	

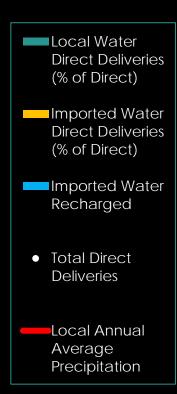


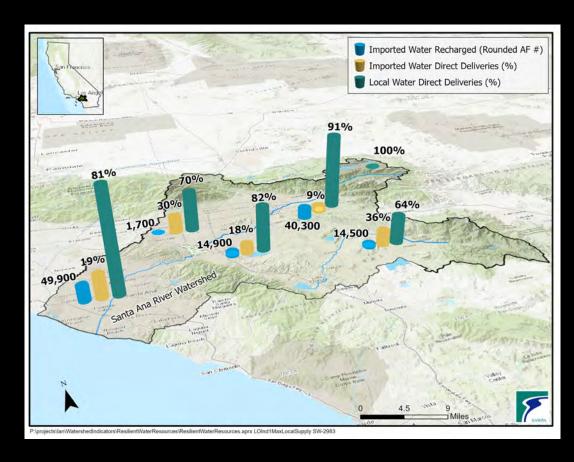
GOAL: ACHIEVE RESILIENT WATER RESOURCES THROUGH INNOVATION AND OPTIMIZATION.

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MAXIMIZATION OF LOCALLY-MANAGED SUPPLIES





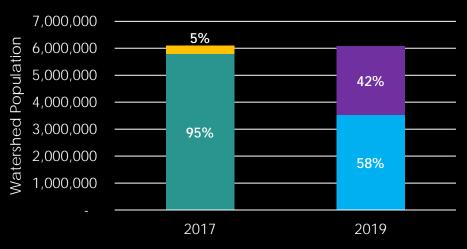




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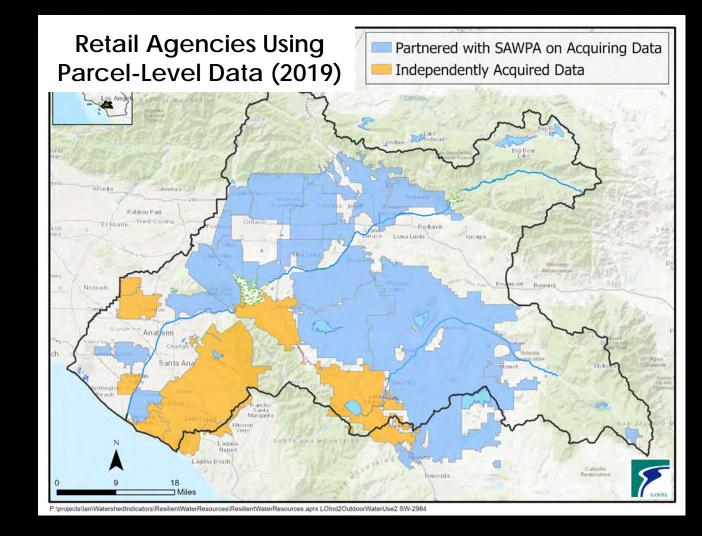
EFFICIENCY OF OUTDOOR WATER USE

(Methodology Varies Between Years)



- Using Parcel-Level Not Using Parcel-Level
- Using Parcel-Level (New Methodology)
- Not Using Parcel-Level (New Methodology)







GOAL: ENSURE HIGH QUALITY WATER FOR PEOPLE AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

MAINTENANCE OF GROUNDWATER SALINITY AT TARGET LEVELS

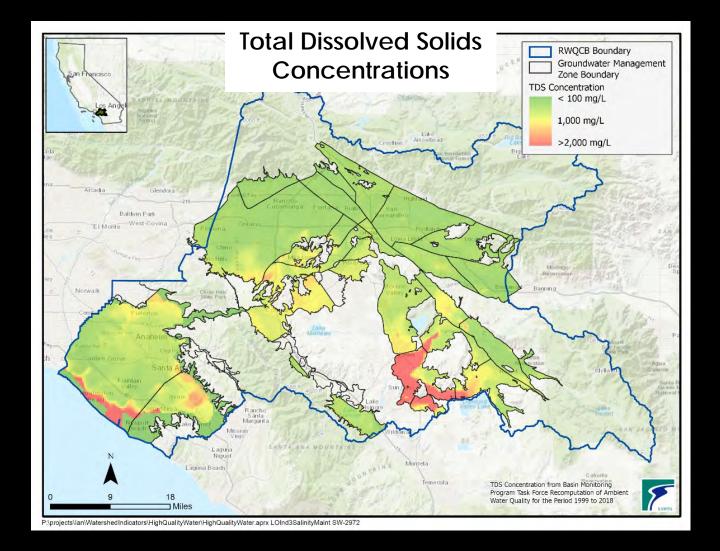




■ Neutral: Does Not Meet Standard But Improved from Past

■ Positive: Meets or Exceeds Standard

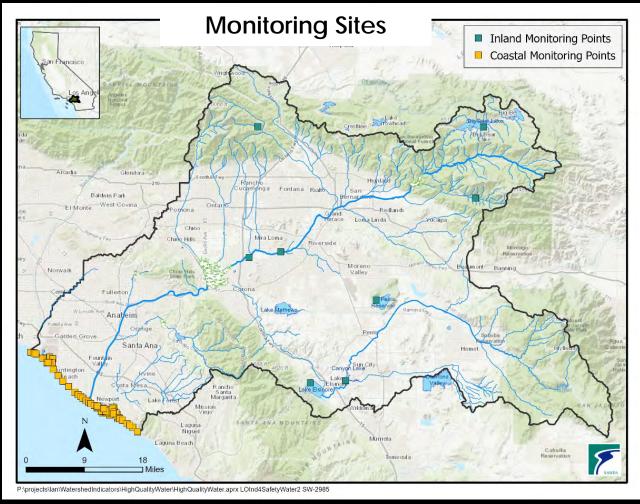




SAFETY OF WATER FOR CONTACT RECREATION



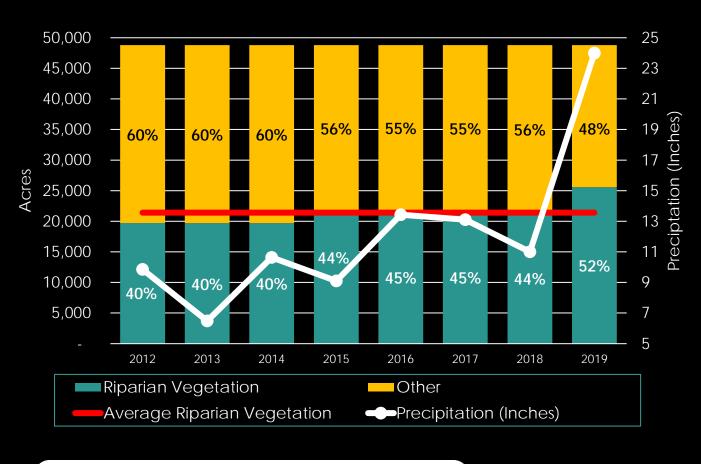


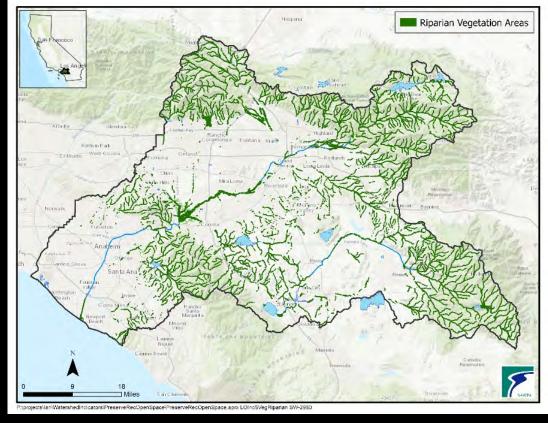




GOAL: PRESERVE AND ENHANCE RECREATIONAL AREAS, OPEN SPACE, HABITAT, AND NATURAL HYDROLOGIC FUNCTION.

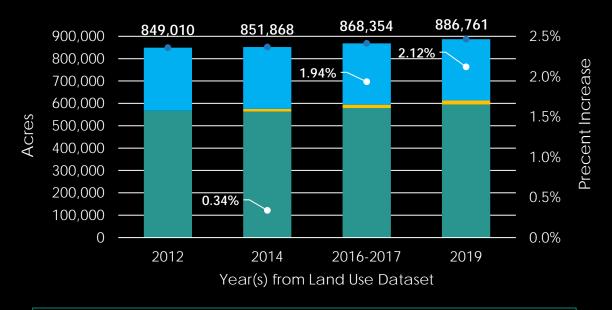
ABUNDANCE OF RIPARIAN VEGETATION





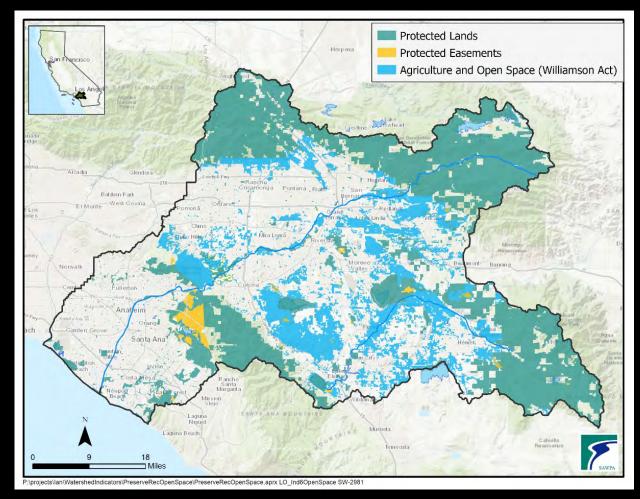


ABUNDANCE OF CONSERVED OPEN SPACE



- Agriculture and Open Space (Williamson Act)
- Protected Easements
- Protected Lands
- Total Protected Lands
- Percent Increase From Previous Years (All Lands)



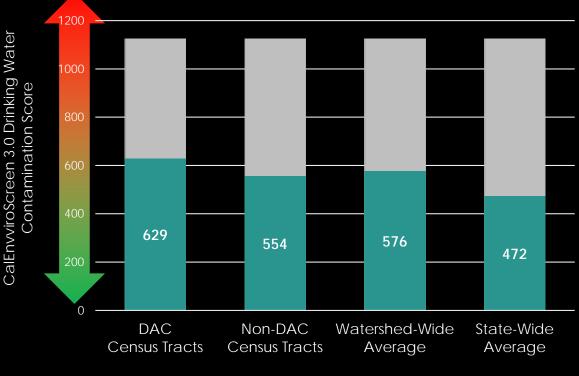




GOAL: ENGAGE WITH MEMBERS OF DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES AND ASSOCIATED SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS TO DIMINISH ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICES AND THEIR IMPACTS ON THE WATERSHED.

EQUITABLE ACCESS TO CLEAN DRINKING WATER

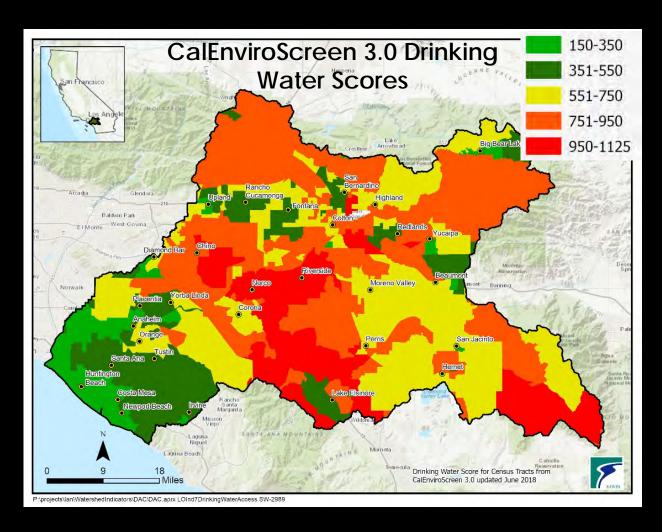
Indicator Results from 2018



■ Highest Score In State ■ Score

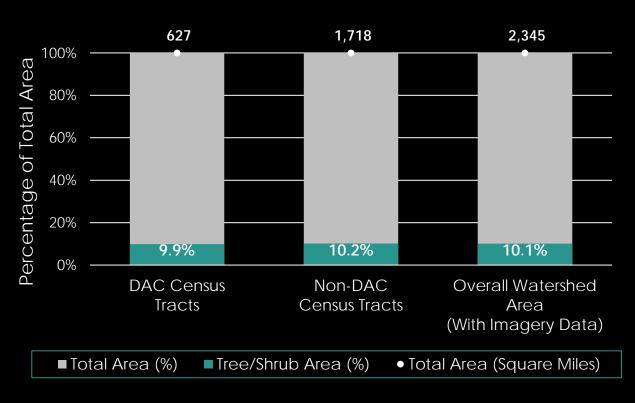


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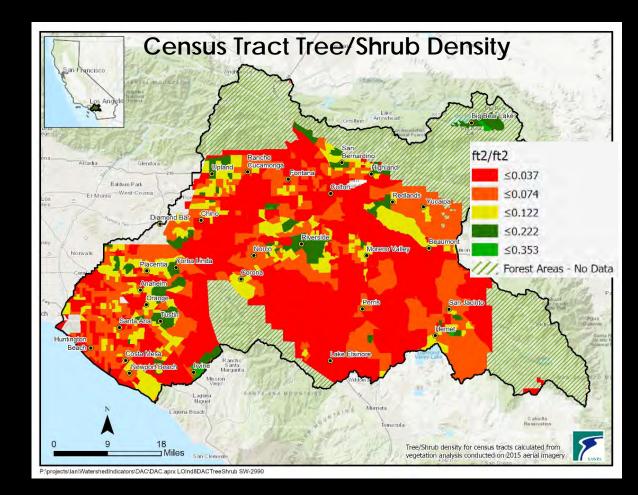
EQUITABLE IMPLEMENTATION OF CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

Indicator Results from 2018





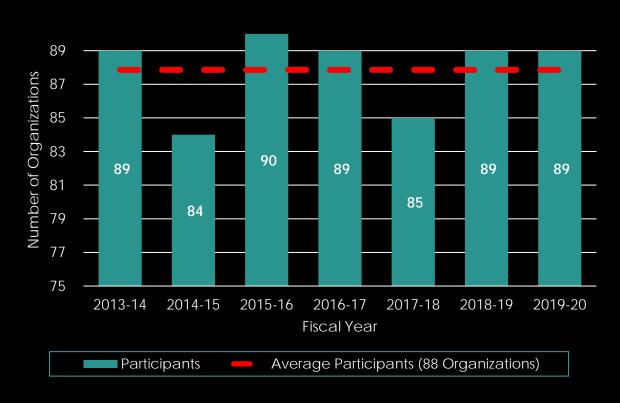
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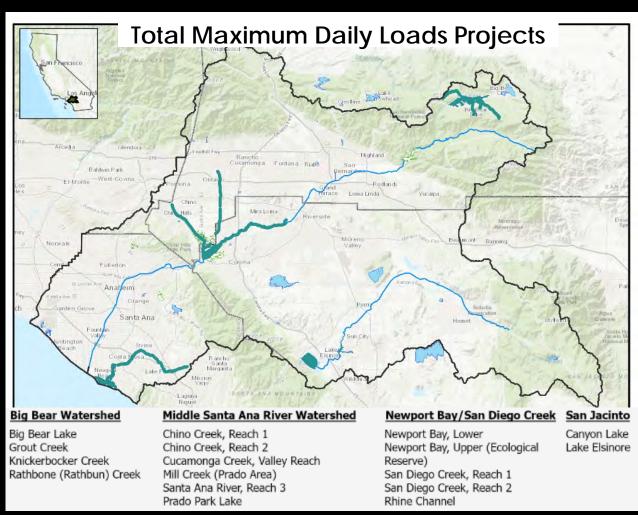


GOAL: EDUCATE AND BUILD TRUST BETWEEN PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS.

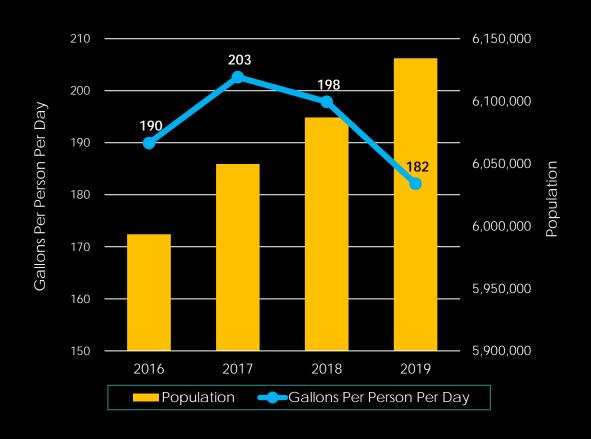
COLLABORATION FOR MORE EFFECTIVE OUTCOMES

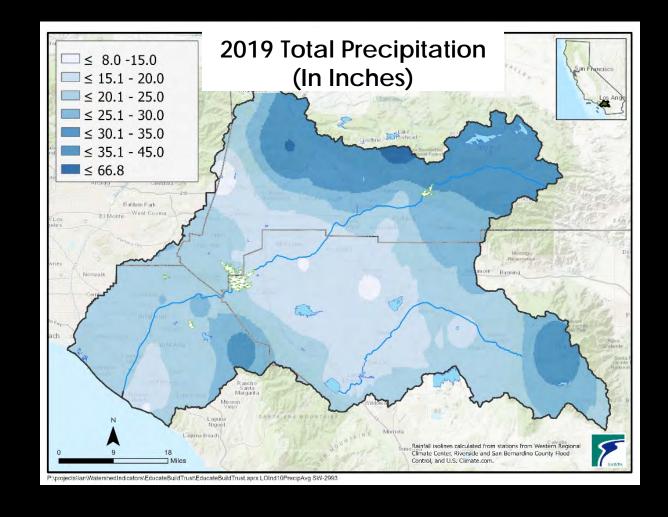






ADOPTION OF A WATERSHED ETHIC



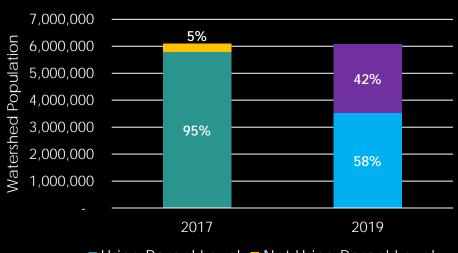




GOAL: IMPROVE DATA INTEGRATION, TRACKING AND REPORTING TO STRENGTHEN DECISION-MAKING.

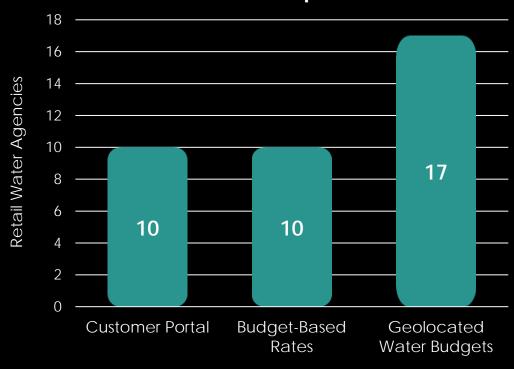
BROADEN ACCESS TO DATA FOR DECISION-MAKING

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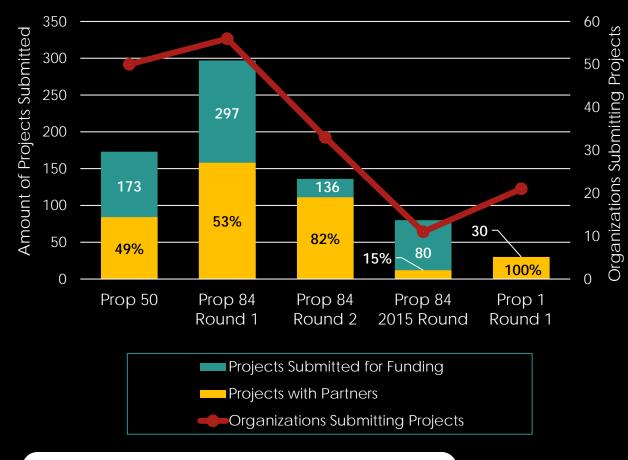
Results Further Explained



The amount of agencies in each category is provided above (some are in more than one category).

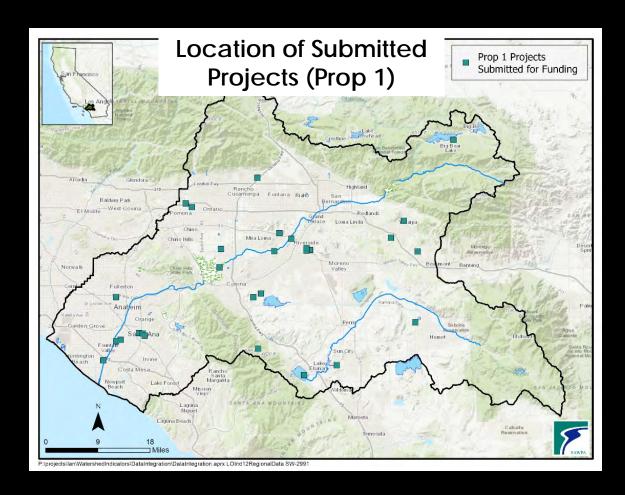


PARTICIPATION IN AN OPEN DATA PROCESS





2019: Neutral (2018: Neutral)



OBSERVATIONS

- Overall, watershed doing very well in meeting its goals, although more data needed on DAC-related measures,
 - New data will be available through 2020-21 high-resolution aerial imagery and updates to the State's CalEnviroScreen database.
- More work to be done to create open-data processes and encourage more projects to submit in the OWOW Plan Database,
- Good progress in making conservation a way of life, but more retail water agencies need tools to provide customers with information about their water use, and
- Annual update of this Assessment very important as it will show changes over time,
 - This will be helpful for showing changes especially between wet and dry years.

Questions

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SARCCUP Smartscape Project Completion Report



Mark Norton | Water Resources & Planning Mgr.

September 24, 2020 | OWOW Steering Committee Meeting

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Overview of SARCCUP* Smartscape Program

➤ Smartscape is a partnership between SAWPA member agencies and OC Coastkeeper, developed in 2015 during SARCCUP initial grant application effort.

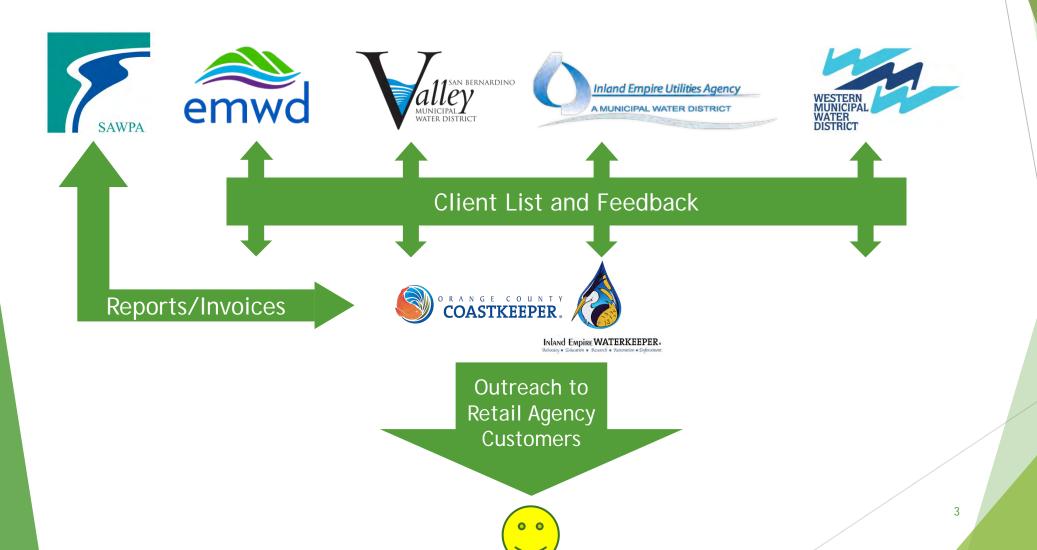
- Smartscape task list (partial list):
 - Landscape designs,
 - Brochures and signage,
 - Workshops, and
 - ▶ Physical improvements to residential irrigation systems.





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Roles and Responsibilities



Smartscape Completed July 30, 2020

Total Prop 84 Grant Invoiced (Includes	
Retention Withheld)	\$217,856
Total Cost Share Used*	\$210,686
Grand Total	\$428,542



*Note: OCWD's SARCCUP cost share funding originally intended for the Smartscape Sub-Task was moved to Water Budget Assistance Sub-Task.

Estimated Customers Served

Upper Watershed Agency	Estimated Customers Served	Notes
Easter Municipal Water District	4,400	Customers served through 26 community events/workshops and 17 home landscape site visits
Inland Empire Utilities Agency	600	Customers served through 183 Irrigation "tune-ups" and 15 residents through 5 residential landscape site visits
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District	74,000*	Customers served through 4 community workshops, 53 home landscape site visits, 4 brochures designed/distributed, 11 residential landscape designs, and 3 commercial landscape designs.
Western Municipal Water District	4,530	Customers served through 4 community events, 13 home landscape site visits, and 73 residential landscape designs for both homeowners and WMWD website.
Total Estimate	83,350	

^{*}This number is higher because OCCK/IEWK redesigned the front landscaping of the downtown public library in the City of San Bernardino. Amount is based on statistic that >90,000 residents use the library annually.

Work in EMWD Service Area

- Estimated that4,400 customerswere served.
- Work included 26 community events and 17 home landscape site visits.



Perris Health Fair Community Event

Work in the IEUA Service Area



Landscape Site Visit



Irrigation "Tune-Up" Sprinkler Head Fixed

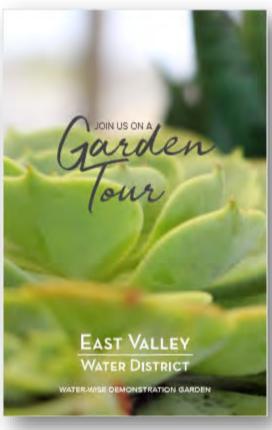
- Estimated that 600 customers were served.
- Work included

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Work in the SBVMWD Service Area



Irrigation Workshop at East Valley Water District

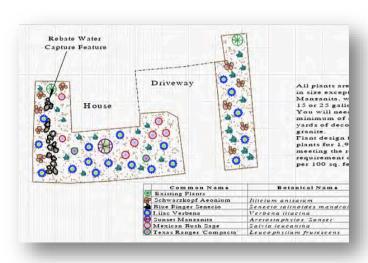


Brochure that was designed and distributed

- ► Estimated that over **74,000** customers were served.
- ▶ Work included:
- 4 community workshops,
 53 home landscape site visits.
- 4 brochures designed and distributed, 11 residential landscape designs.
- ▶ 3 commercial landscape designs and signage for a conservation garden.



Western Municipal Water District Irrigation 101 workshop



Landscape design for homeowner

Work in the WMWD Service Area

- ► Estimated that 4,530 customers served through 4 community events.
- Work included 13 home landscape site visits, and 73 residential landscape designs for both homeowners and WMWD website.

Recommendation

Receive and file.

Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program

Status Report

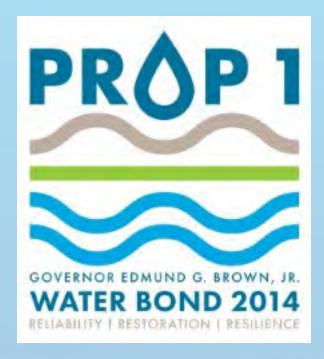
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Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program (DCI) Program

DWR established the Disadvantaged Community Involvement Grant Program to support the following objectives:

- 1) Work collaboratively to involve DACs, community-based organizations, and stakeholders in IRWM Planning efforts
- Increase the understanding, and identify the water management needs of disadvantaged communities
- 3) Develop strategies and long-term solutions that appropriately address the identified DAC water management needs
- 4) Support technical assistance for planning of future construction projects including feasibility, design, CEQA, etc. Not construction at this stage.





Disadvantaged Comm	In SAWPA Scope	
General Activity	Examples of Activity	
Technical assistance	Service provider trainings, local circuit rider programs to train water and wastewater staff	
Needs assessments	Surveys or meetings with community members to identify water management needs	
Project development activities	Planning activities, environmental compliance, or pre-construction engineering/design activities	
Site assessment	Water quality assessments, median household income surveys, data and mapping activities	
Engagement in IRWM efforts	DAC regional engagement coordinator role, DAC Advisory Committee to RWMG, DAC representatives in governance	
Governance Structure	Evaluation of governance structures and plan financing efforts, assessments of the level of DAC involvement in decision making processes	
Community outreach	Public project meetings open to community members, door-to-door outreach	
Education	Translation or interpretive services for information sharing, water education campaigns for community members, education for RWMGs on DAC needs	
Facilitation	Facilitated RWMG meetings, facilitated project development meetings	
Enhancement of DAC in IRWM Plans	Development of Funding Area-wide DAC plan to be utilized as a unified approach for all IRWM plans	

Program Partners

Leveraging Resources for Biggest Impact













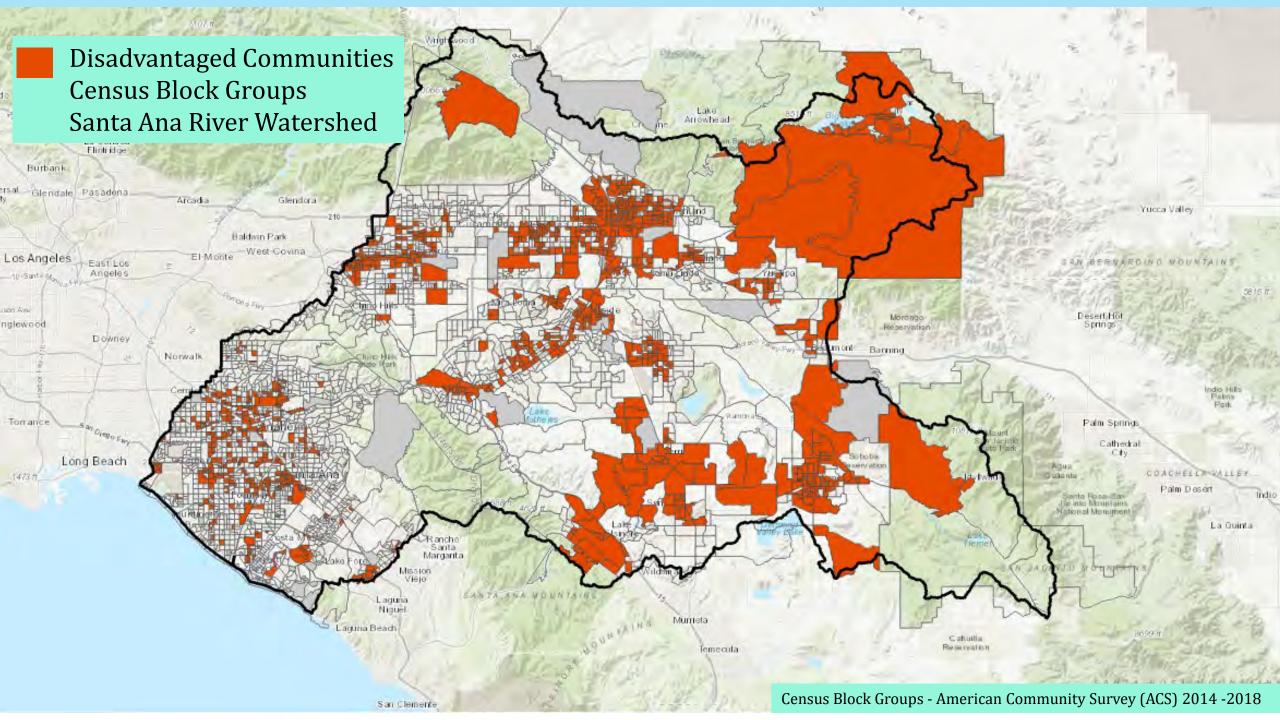






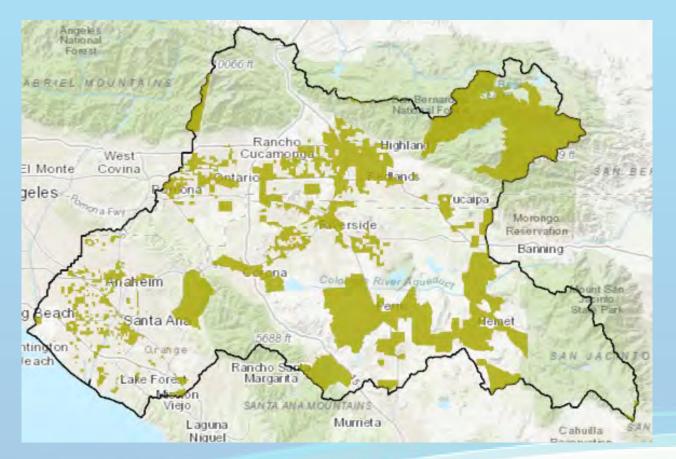






DCI Program Elements

- Strengths and Needs Assessment
- 2. Education and Engagement
- 3. Project Development
- 4 Administration







Engagement Best Practices Publication

- Objective: Produce publication to report on engagement of disadvantaged communities and water management
- Case studies from around the state, including the SAWPA region
- Format: Printed publication distributed
 Statewide
- Activity Lead: Water Education Foundation
- Available of the SAWPA DCI webpage









Disadvantaged Communities and Tribal Involvement Lessons Learned Summit

- SAWPA hosted statewide virtual Summit
- Focus on Disadvantaged Communities and Tribes
 Lessons Learned through the Prop 1 IRWM Program
- Highlights SAWPA DACI Program
 - Includes findings from other IRWM regions around the State
- Event Planning Committee Led by SAWPA
 - Includes DWR, other IRWM Regions and NGOs
- Summit Schedule:
 - 3 virtual events lasting approximately 4 hours each (9:00 1:00)
 - Dates: Thur 10/8/20, Tue 10/13/20, Wed, 10/14/20
- Key Deliverable: Summary Findings Report





AGENDA SUMMARY

DAY 1 - SETTING THE STAGE

Thursday, October 8

- SUMMIT WELCOME
 - Rich Haller, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority
 - Wade Crowfoot, California Natural Resources Agency
- OPENING PLENARY
 - Laurel Firestone, State Water Board
- PANEL: LESSONS LEARNED FROM 10+ YEARS OF IRWM ENGAGEMENT
 - Jennifer Hazard, Rural Community Assistance Corporation
 - Holly Alpert, Inyo-Mono IRWM Program
 - Javier Silva, California Indian Environmental Alliance
- PANEL: THE FUTURE OF REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT IN THE ERA OF COVID-19
 - Carmel Brown and Anecita Aguustinez, Department of Water Resources
 - Lynn Rodriguez, IRWM Roundtable of Regions
 - Martha Camacho-Rodriguez, Social Eco Education-Los Angeles
- SMALL GROUP STRATEGIZING
 - Cross-regional dialogue on priorities for Disadvantaged Community and Tribal Involvement



AGENDA SUMMARY

DAY 2 - STRATEGIES FOR ENGAGING UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES Tuesday, October 13

UNDERSTANDING LOCALIZED NEEDS

Yana Garcia, California Environmental Protection Agency

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- Session A: Models of Outreach & Engagement
- Session B: Moving from Needs Assessment to Implementation
- Session C: Post-Implementation & Reassessing in a Time of Crisis

ADDRESSING NEEDS IN YOUR REGION

Applying New Approaches, Tools, and Resources

COMMUNITY AND TRIBAL LEADER PANEL

• How do we improve engagement?



AGENDA SUMMARY

DAY 3 - WHAT'S NEXT? ENGAGING BEYOND THE IRWM PROGRAM Wednesday, October 14

LOOKING AHEAD

Engaging Beyond Integrated Regional Water Management

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- Session A: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
- Session B: Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience
- Session C: Watershed Health and the Needs of Unhoused Communities
- Session D: Water Resilience Portfolio

BREAKOUT GROUPS

Translating Collaborative Planning

DISCUSSANT PANEL

- Reflecting on What We've Heard and Where We're Going
- SUMMIT WRAP UP



Ensuring Equitable Involvement in Regional Water Planning

How far we've come, but we are far from done.

Virtual Summit: October 8th, 13th, and 14th

Register at:

https://www.lgc.org/summit/



Technical Assistance for Community Need

- Objective: Technical Assistance (TA) funding to support the development of projects and programs that address the water needs of disadvantaged and underrepresented communities.
- Requires evaluation of projects, plans, and programs following set of evaluation criteria developed by DCI Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- Allocated Funding \$2.9 M
- Work is ongoing





DCI Program Technical Assistance Funding Project Title:

City of Santa Ana

Total Technical Assistance funding Awarded

\$100,000

\$2,900,000

TA Award	Project Sponsor:	Project Title:
\$25,630	CRWA / CSU WRPI	Median Household Income Surveys
\$74,441	SAWPA	Assessing the Water Quality, Riparian, and Aquatic Habitat Impacts of Homelessness in the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed
\$350,000	Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians	Residential Asbestos Cement Pipe Abandonment and Replacement Project
\$500,000	Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency	Replenish Big Bear
\$121,939	California Rural Water Association	Tribal Advisory Committee (Tribal AC)
\$175,000	Box Springs MWC	Rehabilitation, Removal or Replacement of Water Storage Reservoirs with SCADA
\$200,000	City of Colton	Two New Potable Wells with Generators
\$100,000	Devore WC	New Reservoir, Distribution System Upgrades and New Well
\$150,000	Idyllwild WD	Water Treatment Plant Upgrade with SCADA
\$100,000	Marygold MWC	New Well and Generator Project
\$25,000	Riverside Highland WC	Ion Exchange System
\$250,000	Terrace MWC	New Potable Well
\$200,000	Eastern Municipal WD	Quail Valley Sub-Area 4 Septic to Sewer, Phase 1 Planning Analysis
\$277,990	City of Rialto	Bohnert/Banyon Septic to Sewer Project
\$100,000	Orange County WD	Watershed Education and Field Trip Program for Disadvantaged Community Elementary School Students
\$100,000	City of Fullerton	Fullerton's Water Future - Ensuring Delivery of Clean, Safe Drinking Water
\$50,000	Huerta del Valle	Reconnecting and Enhancing Water Resources for greater community and environmental benefit.

Washington Avenue Well Project

ASSESSING THE WATER QUALITY, RIPARIAN, AND AQUATIC HABITAT IMPACTS OF HOMELESSNESS IN THE UPPER SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED

- Objective: Assess the impacts of homeless encampments along water ways in the upper Santa Ana River Watershed
- (a) Literature Review and Assessment of Existing Information
- (b) Preparation of Preliminary Monitoring Program
- Project Lead: GEI Consultants
- Activity Budget \$75 K
- Completed: July 2020
- Possible monitoring start in July 2021, dependent on local funding





DCI Program Budget (through Q2 2020)

Program Element		Budget		Expenses	Balance	% Spent
1 Strengths & Needs	\$	898,644	\$	898,644	\$ -	100%
2 Engagement / Education	\$	1,853,068	\$	1,495,135	\$ 357,933	81%
3 Project Development	\$	3,233,288	\$	1,524,652	\$ 1,708,636	47%
4 Administration	\$	315,000	\$	216,963	\$ 98,037	69%
Total	\$	6,300,000	\$	4,135,395	\$ 2,164,605	66%





Program Schedule

Element / Activity		2020 Q3	2020 Q4	2021	Q1	2021	Q2	2021	Q3
PE 1	Strengths & Needs Assessment								
PE 2	Engagement / Education								
12	Engagement Best Practices Publications								
14	Community Water Education								
15	Water Agency Engagement Training								
16	Local Elected Leader Training								
PE 3	Project Development								
18	Technical Assistance / Project Implementation								
20	CivicSpark Water Fellows								
PE 4	Grant Administration								

Questions

