

Proposal to the

**California Department of Water Resources
Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)**

**Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community
Involvement Program**

**On behalf of the
Los Angeles-Ventura Funding Area**

Greater Los Angeles County IRWM / Los Angeles County Flood Control District
Upper Santa Clara River
Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County

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PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

A. APPLICANT

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This IRWM Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program Grant Proposal is being submitted by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) as the authorized applicant on behalf of the following Regional Water Management Groups (RWMGs) and their stakeholders:

- Greater Los Angeles County;
- Upper Santa Clara River; and
- Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County

(supporting letters attached)

The recommendation to have LACFCD as applicant was vetted through the Greater Los Angeles County Region's five sub-regions, WCVC, and USCR's voting members including non-profit organizations, stakeholders, the public at large and other non-voting non-profit organizations.

B. Disadvantaged Communities Background

The Los Angeles-Ventura Funding Area (Funding Area) includes three independent Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) planning regions: Greater Los Angeles County (GLAC), Upper Santa Clara River (USCR), and Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County (WCVV) (see *attached map*)

The largest of the three, the GLAC IRWM Region, with 87 cities, has 9.8 million residents¹ representing 26% of California's population and approximately 42% residing in traditionally defined disadvantaged communities (DACs)². A majority of the GLAC DAC communities are located within three of the five IRWM sub-regions: South Bay (35), Upper Los Angeles River (34), and Lower San Gabriel-Lower Los Angeles River (30). There are an additional nine communities within the Upper San Gabriel/Rio Hondo sub-region but none in North Santa Monica Bay.

The USCR IRWM Region encompasses the City of Santa Clarita and unincorporated County of Los Angeles (COLA) land in addition to Angeles National Forest and state park land, with a rapidly growing urban population in unincorporated COLA of 60,000 and 213,000 living within the City. There are an estimated 6,700 people in unincorporated COLA and over 18,000 people within city limits known at this time to meet the DAC criteria. The disadvantaged communities in the USCR region include the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) DAC areas of Newhall, Valle del Oro/Upstream Newhall Creek, Canyon Country, Bouquet Canyon/Seco Canyon Neighborhood, Lake Hughes/Munz/Elizabeth, Val Verde, Castaic, Acton, and Agua Dulce.

The WCVV IRWM Region includes ten cities, including the two densely urbanized and suburbanized cities of Oxnard and San Buenaventura, unincorporated areas of Ventura County, the watersheds of the Calleguas Creek, Santa Clara River, and Ventura River, as well as vast rural and agricultural areas that include a population of more than 850,000. Nearly 100,000 of those residents live within disadvantaged and severely disadvantaged communities, many of whom are served by small mutual water companies. The underrepresented communities in Ventura County include the DWR DAC areas of Casitas Springs, portions of Oxnard and Ventura, El Rio, Nyeland Acres, Saticoy, Santa Paula, Fillmore, and Piru.

Underrepresented communities in the Funding Area not captured by census data include migrant and resident farmworkers, Native American tribal members, and homeless people, many of whom are living in or near rivers.

¹ 2010 Census Population (Block Group)

² DWR DAC Population (Block Group)

IRWM Region Involvement or Engagement of DAC Members in Planning Efforts

In 2016, a Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program (DACIP) Task Force for the Funding Area was established to facilitate a consensus-based approach to implement a Funding Area-wide DACIP that meets the objectives of the Proposition 1 DACIP IRWM Grant Program. Below is a summary of each IRWM's involvement leading up to the formation of the DACIP Task Force:

- **GLAC** – The GLAC Leadership Committee formed an ad-hoc committee to develop an outreach plan for GLAC DACs in 2008. Since that time, disadvantaged community involvement occurs most consistently at the sub-region level. Each sub-region holds monthly public meetings that allow disadvantaged community members, non-profit organizations (NGOs), community based organizations (CBOs) and other stakeholders to participate in IRWM Plan discussions, project submissions and other issues that come before the GLAC IRWM Regional Water Management Group (RWMG). In addition, DAC subcommittee monthly meetings give agencies, non-profits, and other disadvantaged community stakeholders opportunity to be involved in IRWM planning. To assist with localized engagement, outreach, and project development, GLAC RWMG also funded a dedicated DAC coordinator for three years beginning in 2012. Lessons learned from the coordinator's role in the GLAC DACs helped frame recommendations outlined in the DWR DAC Visioning Workshop and subsequent white paper.

In 2013, DWR sponsored two local studies that were conducted to evaluate and recommend strategies for future DAC engagement processes around IRWM. Council for Watershed Health carried out the *Disadvantaged Community Outreach Evaluation Study: An Analysis of Technical Assistance and Outreach Methods* (Outreach Study) on effective outreach strategies for disadvantaged communities within the GLAC Region. The Outreach Study provided the most comprehensive identification of DACs for investments in water-related planning efforts and project development. The San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) also published the Alcanza Outreach Project: *Engaging Disadvantaged Communities in Resource Management* study to assess the planning process of developing projects that meet IRWM guidelines within urban DACs (the Cities of Compton and Lynwood were the focus areas).

The Los Angeles Countywide Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Needs Assessment was released in 2016 (LA County Department of Parks and Recreation). Focusing on park and public health needs, it was the result of direct outreach to 185 communities across the county (including all DAC areas), and provides a model and structure for conducting outreach in Los Angeles, along with a database of community contacts.

In the fall of 2016, the GLAC DAC Committee initiated a series of outreach surveys, meetings, and interviews to help engage disadvantaged community members in the development of the Funding Area's DACIP. Three community-based organizations and a

water agency association conducted engagement efforts and solicited feedback on local priorities for funding. The contractors targeted unique perspectives – community residents, adults, high school students, and water agency retailers. Furthermore, Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, a supporter of the DACIP, was the main speaker at a DAC Involvement Forum where DACIP engagement and involvement activities were prioritized by participating NGOs and CBOs. Over 200 attendees surveyed identified outreach and education as a top priority, followed by technical assistance and site assessment. Priorities identified from these outreach events have been incorporated into the DACIP Recommended Activities.

- **USCR** – The USCR DAC Committee was formed during their 2008 IRWMP process and is led by staff from the City of Santa Clarita’s Environmental Services Division and the Castaic Lake Water Agency. Efforts to reach out to DACs have been focused within city limits. A “DAC IRWM Grant Process Strategy Concept” was prepared that included meeting with the City’s Community Services Division staff members (who currently provide services and outreach to those DACs) to receive initial input on potential projects in the Canyon Country and Newhall areas.
- **WVCV** – Building on past efforts to identify DAC areas and needs within Ventura County, the WVCV formed a DAC Committee that has met three times since September 8, 2016. Its membership, which is open to all WVCV members, is charged with advising the two WVCV IRWM representatives to the Funding Area DACIP Task Force regarding local priorities and projects, and serving as ambassadors to their communities.

The WVCV DAC Committee discussed the areas identified in DWR’s Disadvantaged Communities Mapping Tool to determine where to focus local efforts for the DACIP grant. The DAC areas that have the most compelling needs based on local knowledge include: two communities within the Ventura River Watershed (Casitas Springs and Westside Ventura), and seven communities within the Santa Clara River Watershed (El Rio, Nyeland Acres, Oxnard, Saticoy, Santa Paula, Fillmore and Piru). The Committee decided to also incorporate other underrepresented communities within these two watersheds that were not mapped including people who reside along the river without homes and farmworkers that were not captured by the census. The two WVCV watershed groups with high priority DAC areas, the Ventura River Watershed Council and the Santa Clara River Watershed Committee, reviewed the preliminary focus areas and confirmed the strategy.

In order to get an initial understanding of the known water needs within the seven priority communities, a preliminary survey was conducted of service providers and NGOs within the WVCV DAC Committee. Participating entities included water districts, mutual water companies, sanitary districts, cities, and the County of Ventura (planning and stormwater), County Watershed Protection District (flood management), local NGOs serving DACs and environmental interest groups. WVCV has also reached out to

technical service providers including the California Rural Water Association to identify complimentary programs and other opportunities for DAC assistance.

Known Water Management Needs in Disadvantaged Communities

All three IRWM regions have identified the need for resources to support a more comprehensive assessment and education process as a critical step forward in further understanding the water management needs within their disadvantaged communities, economically distressed areas, and underrepresented communities (collectively referred to as DACs) including Native American tribal members, migrant and resident farmworkers, and homeless people. Results and lessons learned from each area's planning efforts over the past eight years have helped frame the Funding Area's water management needs and engagement strategies to assist in addressing those needs. Water and river management needs identified through the previously mentioned studies and surveys for these communities within the Funding Area include the following:

- Flood and storm water management
- Surface water and groundwater quality and quantity
- Access to clean affordable drinking water
- River ecosystem impacts
- Aging water infrastructure
- Alternative water supplies
- Drought contingency/emergency planning; vulnerability assessments
- Water education and job training
- Wastewater treatment

The Funding Area also has the opportunity to create multiple benefits such as open space and recreational opportunities while addressing local water quality and supply needs. The community needs expressed below bridges those connections to water management:

- Public safety as it relates to flooding and water quality as well as the sharp rise in homelessness occurring within our rivers and streams
- Access to safe recreational opportunities (ex: lack of green streets and active transit routes that can capture stormwater and reduce water use through native landscaping)
- Neglected transportation infrastructure (ex: flooding on road surfaces, missed opportunities for stormwater capture and conveyance)

Strategies to Address Water Management Needs in Disadvantaged Communities Across the Funding Area

Based on the lessons learned from the three studies³ combined with each region's outreach efforts described in the Planning Efforts section, the Funding Area has incorporated the

³ 1) *Disadvantaged Community Outreach Evaluation Study: An Analysis of Technical Assistance and Outreach Methods* (2013, Council for Watershed Health and Department of Water Resources). 2) *Alcanza Outreach Project: Engaging Disadvantaged*

following strategies into the proposed DACIP activities that address the water management needs identified previously:

Local Outreach: Engagement should occur in precise and small-area communities, as it is there that communities are able to make collective decisions. Efforts will need to include multiple touch points within the communities for engagement to be effective. *Identifying the proper scale of engagement to reach a community is critical and will be carefully planned with local CBOs before engagement activities begin.* This strategy has been incorporated into the Community Outreach and Needs Assessment Activities.

Partnering: The Funding Area will leverage existing engagement and project planning efforts (ex: IRWM DAC Committees, Enhanced Watershed Management Plans, local urban greening plans, etc.). Building on existing investments in local community initiatives can significantly improve water engagement results. The partnerships are productive, permitting outreach contractors to reach significantly more residents of the community, as well as municipal agency representatives. Partnering also facilitates the most effective form of involvement, community-led engagement. The best messengers for engagement do not always have the subject matter expertise to carry effective messaging forward. *Therefore, partnering organizations together, both traditional and non-traditional water organizations, builds the capacity of local leaders to deliver effective outreach and education.* This strategy has been incorporated into the Community Outreach Activity.

Local Capacity Building through Technical Assistance: Disadvantaged Communities, particularly with smaller municipalities, communities and water retailers, do not have either the resources or the training to assess, develop and prepare for funding opportunities that will move projects forward. When technical assistance can provide mentoring for community organizations, local water agencies and municipalities, all parties benefit from strengthening relationships and skills. *This approach breaks down systemic barriers to access for DACs and leads to a higher level of success and sustainability for water projects and regional water policies and objectives.* This strategy has been incorporated into the Project Development Activity.

DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES IN THE FUNDING AREA

The above strategies will be used to ensure the involvement in IRWM planning efforts of disadvantaged communities, economically distressed communities, and under-represented communities (collectively referred to as DACs), including Native American tribal members, migrant and resident farmworkers, and homeless people.

Communities in Resource Management (San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy). 3) *The Los Angeles Countywide Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Needs Assessment* (2016, LA County Department of Parks and Recreation).

Those census geographies that meet the DWR DAC definition are listed below for both USCR and WCVC. The GLAC region further refined its disadvantaged communities based on additional indicators (ex: level of education, unemployment, parks access, etc.) that were evaluated and presented in the Outreach Study (previously cited). A synopsis of those disadvantaged communities and designated DAC priority activity areas within each IRWM region are detailed below and within the attached map:

- **GLAC** – includes 105 disadvantaged communities as presented in the Outreach Study.
- **WCVC** – includes areas of Casitas Springs, portions of Oxnard and Ventura, El Rio, Nyeland Acres, Saticoy, Santa Paula, Fillmore, and Piru. While there are other areas that qualify as DACs, these are the priority areas with known needs chosen for targeted outreach and engagement.
- **USCR** – includes areas of Newhall, Valle del Oro/Upstream Newhall Creek, Canyon Country, Bouquet Canyon/Seco Canyon Neighborhood, Lake Hughes/Munz/Elizabeth, Val Verde, Castaic, Acton and Agua Dulce.

In addition to the listed DAC priority activity areas above, the Funding Area will outreach to those underrepresented communities not captured by census data including migrant and resident farmworkers, Native American tribal members, and homeless people, many of whom are living in or near our rivers and streams.

C. ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

As developed by the Funding Area's DACIP Task Force and based on strategies derived from studies and surveys in all three IRWM Regions, we propose that the DACIP be carried out by grouping Activities into the following Tasks and sub-tasks (color-coding matches Schedule and Budget):

- **Task 0: Pre-Program & Administration**

- 0.1 Proposal Development*
- 0.2 DACIP Administration*

- **Task 1: Community Outreach** (*ongoing and iterative throughout the grant*)

- 1.1 Design Outreach Program*
- 1.2 Community Outreach & Education*
- 1.3 Broad-based Public Education*
- 1.4 Facilitation, Engagement in IRWM Efforts, Governance Structure and Enhancement of DAC aspects in IRWM plans*
- 1.5 Project Management & Reporting*

- **Task 2: Needs Assessment**

- 2.1 Design Needs Assessment*
- 2.2 Community - Needs Assessment*
- 2.3 Institutions - Needs Assessment*
- 2.4 Project Management & Reporting*

- **Task 3: Project Development**

- 3.1 Technical Assistance*
- 3.2 Project Development*
- 3.3 Project Management, Reporting & Final Report*

Community Outreach will be an ongoing and iterative process through the DACIP, assuring disadvantaged community involvement at each stage, and leading to multiple desired outcomes including long-term DAC engagement in the IRWM process. The Activities of **Needs Assessment** and **Project Development** will be phased, so that results of the Assessment will guide which projects receive development support through the DACIP.

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District (Grantee) will provide oversight of the Activities throughout the grant period with the support of the DACIP Task Force's designated program managers, and ensure that DACs in all three IRWM regions are represented and served appropriately. DAC consultants will be contracted and tasked to complete Activities on a Funding Area-wide basis or within IRWM Regions as needed.

Task 0 - Pre-Program & Administration

The DACIP Task Force for the Funding Area coordinated strategies and approaches for implementing the DACIP, drawing from past research and workshops held in multiple communities to compile initial feedback on priorities, and understand the baseline from which to build a program. The DACIP Task Force also engaged directly with NGOs, CBOs, and consultants to advise on program development and assist with the DACIP Application.

- **Outcome:** Approved Application and Contract between DWR and LACFCD (Grantee).

Administration is carried out by agencies representing LACFCD, Ventura County and City of Santa Clarita, who are members of the DACIP Task Force. LACFCD will provide primary contact with DWR including direct grant administration, program management, reporting, coordination between the Funding Area IRWM Regions, and compliance of the Grant Agreement. The three agencies will monitor the grant activities in their respective Regions, and support coordination and reporting.

Fiscal management support, especially invoicing and contracting of consultants for all regions across the Funding Area will be carried out by West Basin Municipal Water District, under agreement with LACFCD.

- **Outcome:** Meeting all terms of the Grant Agreement.

Task 1 – Community Outreach

DWR Activity Categories:

Community Outreach, Education, Facilitation, Engagement in IRWM Efforts, Governance Structure and Enhancement of DAC aspects in IRWM plans

Task 1 Description:

Community Outreach will be ongoing throughout the grant period, providing multiple touch points with the community, and intersect with all three major Tasks.

Prior to launch of Community Outreach, approaches and materials appropriate to the Funding Area will be developed. NGOs and CBOs will be involved with this process and will build on existing community contacts and outreach tools used for the 2016 Needs Assessment conducted by the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). The outreach tools will be tailored to address water management needs for the Funding Area. A database that houses all of the information gathered from DACIP Community Outreach and Needs Assessment will also be developed, by adding to the DPR Assessment Database and developing a parallel database for Ventura County.

Community Outreach Design considerations may include:

- A unified, or diversified, approach to Outreach and Education;
- Approaches and materials that address the unique cultural, physical and linguistic characteristics of DACs in the Funding Area; and
- Approaches to Outreach and Education that address the unique characteristics of the three IRWM regions.

Community Outreach will be carried out by or with the help of a variety of NGOs and CBOs, Native American Tribal or other qualified community representatives who are embedded and actively involved in the communities. These organizations, tribal and other representatives will have strong ties and expertise with the DACs in the Funding Area, and will help build the relationship between the community, their water related service providers and the IRWM process. They will be subcontractors, paid to provide outreach services. The DACIP Task Force and consultants will engage and support these NGOs and CBOs, tribal and other representatives with whatever training, materials and resources they need to be effective.

Community Outreach will support multiple stages of the DACIP, and may take the form of “waves” of engagement – for example: reaching a community with Education on local water issues, then participation in a Needs Assessment, and then Technical Assistance, and other Activities appropriate to a given DAC.

As the early “waves” of engagement unfold, and the process with stakeholders reveal additional needs and opportunities within given DACs, the DACIP Task Force and DAC consultants can determine and implement the use, approach and design of other activities, including:

- Additional **Education** programs for the community and their water managers;
- **Facilitation** to strengthen ties between DACs, water related service providers and the IRWM regions; and
- **Engagement in IRWM Efforts, Governance Structure and Enhancement of DAC aspects in IRWM plans**, to increase DAC roles and representation in the IRWM process.

Task 1 Activities

1.1 Design Outreach Program

The *Multi-Indicator Analysis* – a tool used in the Outreach Study – will be updated for the GLAC Region to help organize DACs into a manageable framework, and determine the support needed in education and assistance for each DAC (or grouping of DACs); some are already very involved, while others don't have an identifiable group or leader to represent them. Similar analysis will be completed for the USCR and WVCV Regions as needed and approved by these Regions. This research and analysis effort will help establish a methodology for determining the level of engagement efforts including technical assistance and project development in each DAC, and associated criteria for allocating funding.

Specific research will be conducted to identify tribal interest in the Funding Area to be included as part of DAC outreach as well as inclusion in any IRWM Plan updates. Exploration will be done through assessment with known tribal leaders and representatives and dataset research, as well as information about historical watersheds, water sources and cultural implications.

From this data gathering and analysis, Outreach and Education messaging and materials will be designed and produced with Region and/or community-specific customization. Materials will take the form of “kits” that include all presentation materials and data and will be shared with a network of organizations, NGOs, CBOs, and community representatives for their input. Members of this network who will be directly involved in Outreach and Education will be required to participate in training on conducting workshops (see sub-task 1.2) for uniform messaging and best results.

1.2 Community Outreach & Education

This is a “qualitative” education effort, envisioned through a series of workshops with interested community members that provide detailed education on local water issues. Community members who participate are then assumed to become messengers, and share their knowledge within a given community network.

Each Region has identified disadvantaged communities they plan to engage and serve. Both USCR and WVCV Regions will engage each of the high priority disadvantaged community groupings in their regions (9 and 7, respectively) up to 3 times (once per year for 3 years). The GLAC Region anticipates needing 50 workshop (annually for 3 years) to serve their 105 DACs through consolidation that allows more than one DAC to be represented at a workshop. It is anticipated the workshops will be promoted and hosted by local NGO's, CBOs, or other community representatives familiar with the community, with oversight from the DAC Consultants. They will be given all materials necessary, and funding for staff time to prepare logistics, marketing, and hosting.

Because they continue throughout the three years of the program, these Education workshops will overlap with the Needs Assessment and Project Development Tasks. Education can therefore:

- support pre-Needs Assessment - introducing basic water issues to a community;
- post-Needs Assessment - bringing Assessment findings back to the community to “close the loop;” and
- Project Development education to engage local communities on projects that emerge as a result of the DACIP.

1.3 Broad-based Public Education

This is a “quantitative” education effort, designed to reach large numbers of community members with as much targeting as possible on identified DACs. The funding for this activity assumes multiple “campaigns” because of the likely need to address different regions, geographic areas, education topics and/or audiences. Examples of education delivery could include web-based and social media platforms, outreach to local media sources, or other grassroots elements such as printed materials distributed or posted at events, community centers, churches, schools, agencies and other places where community gathers.

Materials and social media would be initially generated from a single source (lead consultant), customized as needed, and then spread further within a network of community-based sub-consultants to their targeted constituencies. Depending on timing, these campaigns could support marketing of workshops in one or more DACs, to encourage participation in the workshops.

1.4 Facilitation, Engagement in IRWM Efforts, Governance Structure and Enhancement of DAC aspects in IRWM plans

This Sub-task supports a range of engagements to include community members in the IRWM process through each Regional governance structure. The specific needs will emerge through the Outreach and Needs Assessment process. This may include activities such as facilitating relationships between a community and its water provider, augmenting an IRWM Plan and/or promoting community participation in IRWM Committee Meetings.

1.5 Project Management & Reporting

Day-to-day Project Management of the education and outreach components will be carried out by a contractor, who will subcontract with and manage multiple local partners, track and monitor workshops, distribute information, coordinate all sub-task efforts, support and communicate with stakeholders on progress and resolution of issues, serve as a quality control point for data and prepare program and financial reporting.

Task 1 Desired Outcomes:

- Develop a DAC community supported methodology for determining the level of engagement in technical assistance and project development in each DAC.
- Involve a comprehensive and inclusive base of DAC Community members in the DACIP.
- Increase understanding by community members of water management needs and issues in their neighborhood and watershed.
- Identify and remove barriers to community participation that prevent residents from fully responding and giving valuable feedback on the water issues in their area.
- Incorporate Integrate DAC community members, NGO, and CBO representatives in IRWM planning, decision-making and implementation efforts.
- Build capacity within DAC communities to develop project concepts and engage technical support for design and proposal development in the future.
- Build capacity within CBOs, Native American tribal and community representatives to facilitate DAC workshops and engagement activities.

Task 1 Deliverables:

- Methodology for determining the level of engagement in technical assistance and project development in each DAC.
- Community Outreach Directory of CBOs, Native American tribal and other community representatives involved in the DACI Program.
- Community workshop schedule, approaches, designs and materials.
- Broad-based and targeted education campaign approaches, designs and materials.
- Community Outreach-related interim and final reporting.

Task 2- Needs Assessment

DWR Activity Categories:

Needs Assessment

Task 2 Description:

A comprehensive **Needs Assessment** will be conducted across the Funding Area that identifies and prioritizes water management and infrastructure deficiencies and related community needs in ways that meet IRWM objectives to improve water supply and water quality, enhance open space, recreation and habitat, and improve flood management. The process will reach out to both community residents and water managers who serve DACs. Gathering information for the Assessment will take the form of public workshops, agency workshops, door-to-door discussions and one-on-one interviews, depending on the characteristics and logistical needs of any given DAC.

Prior to launch of the Needs Assessment, the approaches and materials that are appropriate to the Funding Area will be developed, including a unified approach to data collection that ultimately serves the DWR DACIP Needs Assessment Template.

Needs Assessment Design considerations may include:

- ability to discuss the specific water management needs of a given DAC study area, including discussion of current and pending projects;
- creating approaches and materials that address the unique cultural, physical and language characteristics of DACs in the Funding Area;
- translating technical water issues so they become more personal to community members; and
- creating approaches to the Needs Assessment that address the different characteristics and logistics of the three IRWM regions.

To reach residents of local DACs, the Needs Assessment will draw on the collection of NGOs, CBOs, Native American tribal and other qualified community representatives who are involved in **Task 1 Community Outreach**. As these representatives will have strong ties to the DACs in the Funding Area, they will be invaluable to host workshops and/or carry out interviews door-to-door to gather data and feedback. This will serve as another “wave” of engagement with the community, further building understanding of and engagement in water management needs among residents, CBOs, Native American tribal representatives, water managers and the IRWM process.

CBOs and other representatives will be subcontractors, and paid to provide services such as grassroots engagement, translation, guidance on local issues, and workshop venues and logistics that involve direct discussion with DAC members and avoid barriers to their

participation. The DAC Consultants will support these CBOs and other representatives with training, materials and resources they need to be effective, including facilitation of public workshops. The DAC Consultants will also complete all required reporting of CBO workshops and activities.

The Needs Assessment will include workshops and interviews with institutions that provide water and community services to DACs, including cities (officials, water departments), water agencies, agencies that manage parks or natural open spaces, water quality program managers, sanitation districts, flood management entities and mutual water companies. This addresses not only their knowledge of their DAC community needs, but also any challenges they are facing in serving those needs, participating in IRWM, and meeting water quality, water conservation and other regulatory mandates.

The DACIP Task Force's designated program managers will, through its DAC consultants, provide oversight during the Needs Assessment process, and ensure that DACs in all three IRWM regions are represented and served appropriately. The DACIP Task Force will review and approve the design of the Needs Assessment, and the Needs Assessment Report. The information gathered from the Needs Assessment will be added to the **Task 1 Community Outreach** database.

Task 2 Activities

2.1 Design Needs Assessment

Design of the Needs Assessment includes three major components:

- **Database** - Data collected in the Needs Assessment will be supported through a database. For GLAC and USCR Regions, the 2016 LA County Parks Assessment database hosted by Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will provide basic infrastructure to store this information. The DPR database is populated with demographic data for all DAC Communities collected in 2016 and will be modified to reflect what is learned from design of the Outreach Program (Task 1.1), capture water data from the Needs Assessment and build or revise any needed portals or webpages. The WCVL Region data, being part of a different county, will be captured in a separate database, with coordination made between the two during the DACIP.
- **Needs Assessment Tool and Materials** – This activity creates a tool combining the DWR Needs Assessment Template (community characteristics, drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, water rates and financing) with social, cultural and regional information and analysis gathered in Task 1.1; it will allow data collection to be seen from the local DAC community-member perspective, and be customized per IRWM Region as needed. The Tool helps guide production of materials, workshops and other elements related to Tasks 2.2 and 2.3.
- **Final Needs Assessment Report:** Provides analysis of all Needs Assessment data, compiled into a Funding Area-wide final Needs Assessment Report. This activity

occurs *after* Needs Assessment data is collected from the community and institutions (Tasks 2.2 and 2.3). The completed Needs Assessment, combined with the input from the DACs through Education and Community Outreach, will inform and support the Funding Area RWMGs as they determine which programs and projects should be considered for technical assistance, development, and further community engagement under Task 3.

2.2 Community - Needs Assessment

Collection of Needs Assessment data from the community is envisioned through a series of workshops with community members. As with Task 1 Community Outreach, it is anticipated the workshops will be hosted by local NGO's and CBOs familiar with the community. They will be given all materials necessary, and provide staff to prepare logistics, marketing, and hosting. Workshops will be run by trained facilitators.

The Funding Area will mirror Community Outreach (Sub-task 1.2) in taking a consolidated approach to conducting needs assessment workshops with multiple DACs served in single workshops as appropriate. Additional workshops or alternative data collection methods will be conducted should the need arise, given the volume of identified DACs in the Funding Area. Alternative forms of data collection, including surveys or door-to-door outreach, may supplement or even substitute for workshops if it is deemed most appropriate for a given DAC, and will be supported by what is learned in Sub-tasks 1.1 and 1.2. Each IRWM Region will have final approval for the best data collection methods for their DACs.

2.3 Institutions - Needs Assessment

Workshops and other data collection methods will also focus on institutional stakeholders within traditional water agencies and public institutions that provide services and programs in water-related issues. Workshops will include education on IRWM, Prop 1 and the DACIP as well as gathering Needs-related data drawn from the experience of these institutions in serving DACs.

For the GLAC IRWM Region, resources provide for at least 30 workshops or other data collection methods for school districts, cities, elected officials, mutual water companies and water agencies. Los Angeles County includes 88 municipalities and 84 school districts, so working with conveners such as the League of CA Cities will be sought to provide group training for multiple institutions, for more efficient impact wherever possible.

For the USCR and WVCV IRWM Regions, resources provide for at least eleven workshops, focus groups or other data collection methods for school districts, cities, elected officials, mutual water companies, water-related agencies or other institutional outreach for special needs within these regions.

2.4 Project Management & Reporting

Day-to-day Project Management of the Needs Assessment components will be carried out by one or more contractors, who will subcontract with and manage multiple local partners, track and monitor workshops, distribute information, coordinate all sub-task efforts, support and communicate with stakeholders on progress and resolution of issues, serve as a quality control point for data and prepare program and financial reporting.

Task 2 Desired Outcomes:

- Inform and engage DACs in each IRWM Region in a conversation about their water management-related needs, preliminary needs assessment results, and a plan for continued community engagement.
- Gain a better understanding of water management-related community needs to help direct resources and funding in **Task 3, Project Development**.
- Build initial capacity within DACs to develop project concepts and engage technical support for design and project development.
- Increase DAC community members, NGO, and CBO participation in IRWM planning and/or project development activities.

Task 2 Deliverables:

- A comprehensive Needs Assessment Tool for the Funding Area with Region-specific information.
- Final Funding Area-wide Needs Assessment Report: data and narrative summary of identified community characteristics and specific community water management issues, and the resources required (technical, educational, managerial, and financial) to address the needs of DACs.
- Determination of level of engagement in technical assistance and project development in each DAC under Task 3 Project Development, with funding allocation based on DACs input and Needs Assessment results.
- List of DACIP Task Force proposed programs and projects to receive funding for further development and engagement with the community under Task 3. Each Region's leadership will decide which programs and projects will compete for future funds
- Databases to serve the Funding Area.
- Needs Assessment Results presented to communities and other stakeholders.
- Additional document to update DAC-related sections of IRWMPs, as needed.

Task 3 - Project Development

DWR Activity Categories:

Technical Assistance, Site Assessment, and Project Development

Task 3 Description:

Based on results from the Task 2 Needs Assessment, the DAC consultants, with input from the Funding Area DAC stakeholders will develop **Technical Assistance** training and support programs for multiple entities that serve DACs, such as cities, community-based organization, mutual water companies, water quality managers, parks and open space managers and other water and land resource managers.

The Needs Assessment results will add to or build on prior knowledge of DAC areas in the Funding Area in order to provide support for further DAC-specific **Site Assessments**, such as mapping, ground-truthing, and other data activities to better understand local DAC water management needs, and inform projects and programs to address them.

Projects in the Funding Area that are identified during the Task 2 Needs Assessment will be evaluated based on a DAC-supported methodology so that subsequent **Developed Projects** will provide the greatest possible benefit to the largest number of DACs. Using guidance from the Needs Assessment and the DAC supported methodology, the DACIP Task Force will recommend to their Regional Water Management Groups how to assign resources to develop projects across the three regions for their approval.

As a result of the Needs Assessment and knowledge gained from working with DACs, the Funding Area will make recommendations to DWR regarding effective project selection criteria for future implementation grant funding for DAC projects.

The DACIP Task Force and DAC Consultants will work with other Project Development and Technical Assistance providers to carry out Task 3 as needed. This effort may also link to the State Water Board Technical Assistance Program where appropriate, through the Council for Watershed Health, CSU Disadvantaged Community Center, California Rural Water Association and other statewide Technical Assistance providers. In addition, the DAC consultants may engage engineering, design and other technical consultants for project development as needed with the approval of the DACIP Task Force for the Funding Area.

Task 3 Activities:

3.1 Technical Assistance

Technical assistance will include capacity building in selected communities based on prioritization of the Region, results of needs assessment, or prior engagement efforts. Assistance may be customized per DAC or groupings of DACs, and provide a

comprehensive range of support options as needed. In addition to technical guidance on how to identify, conceptualize, develop, design and cost a project, support may also be needed in other areas such as stakeholder facilitation, permitting and grant writing. Within this sub-task are related issues such as referrals to State Technical Assistance programs, assessing projects for multi-benefit potential, facilitating multi-agency collaboration funding opportunities, updating existing IRWM Plan projects and adding new projects to IRWM Plans.

3.2 Project Development

Project Development includes Site Assessments; projects are determined through and DAC input established in prior sub-tasks 1.1 and 2.1. While managed by DAC Consultants, these activities would include subcontracting with engineering and design firms to support more technical aspects of project development. It is assumed that projects will be taken to different levels of development based on priority, timing and other considerations ranging from site assessments and/or basic concept designs.

3.3 Project Management, Reporting, and Final Report

Day-to-day Project Management of Technical Assistance and Project Development components will be carried out by the DAC Consultant, who will subcontract with and manage engineering and design firms as needed, track and monitor workshops, distribute information, coordinate all sub-task efforts, support and communicate with stakeholders on progress and resolution of issues, and prepare program and financial reporting.

Project Management also includes preparation of the **Funding Area Final DACIP Grant Report**, compiling reports from all previous tasks and providing analysis and assessment of all required areas including Stakeholder Summary, Involvement Activity Summary, Findings, Future steps and References.

Task 3 Desired Outcomes:

- Projects identified for development through a grassroots DAC-supported process
- Increased project development, technical, and related skills among DAC water system managers and staff.
- Increased capacity within DAC communities to develop project concepts and engage technical support for design and funding development in the future.
- Developed project plans, permits, studies, and other requirements to get high priority projects “shovel ready” per DWR requirements for subsequent implementation grant funding cycles.

Task 3 Deliverables:

- List of Project Concepts developed for the Funding Area

- LA-Ventura Funding Area Final DACIP Grant Report
- List of Groups trained to increase capacity
- Information on Projects developed for future funding

KEY MILESTONES

Task 1 Community Outreach:

- Completion of Outreach Design
- Launch of Community Outreach and Education
- Launch of Broad-based Public Education
- Determination and launch of other Activities (*Engagement in IRWM Efforts, Governance Structure and Enhancement of DAC aspects in IRWM plans*)
- Completion and reporting of all Task 1 Activities

Task 2 Needs Assessment

- Completion of Needs Assessment Design
- Launch & Completion of data collection
- Completion of Needs Assessment Report and recommendations for future DAC Engagement
- Completion and reporting of all Task 2 Activities

Task 3 Project Development:

- Launch of *Technical Assistance*
- Launch of Site Assessment and Project Development activities
- Completion of all Task 3 Activities and Final DACIP Grant Report

D. STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

LOS ANGELES-VENTURA FUNDING AREA

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) is the chair of the Greater Los Angeles County Regional Water Management Group and was designated by the Los Angeles – Ventura Funding Area as lead and applicant for the Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program. LACFCD will administer the grant and coordinate the program work with Watersheds Coalitions of Ventura County (WVCV) and Upper Santa Clara River (USCR). LACFCD will have direct oversight of work performed by the DAC Consultants for Greater Los Angeles County. County of Ventura and City of Santa Clarita will have direct oversight of DAC Consultants work in their respective region.

Key Staff:

[Grace Kast - President of GK Consulting and Chair of the GLAC IRWM DAC Committee](#)

Ms. Kast's experience in water issues spans 25 years with the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority and currently serve as the Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Gateway Region Water Management Authority. She also worked with recipients of Prop 84 Implementation Grant Funds and most recently joined the team at WaterTALENT which offers short-term, certified water treatment and distribution operators as well as wastewater operators throughout the nation.

[Virginia Maloles-Fowler – GLAC Region Program Manager and Grant Administrator](#)

Ms. Maloles-Fowler is a State-certified Registered Environmental Health Specialist with over 20 years of regulatory and enforcement oversight experience in the field of environmental health and specifically in solid waste management, as well as over 12 years of experience in county-wide program planning and implementation in residential franchise solid waste and recycling collection services and water conservation, community engagement, and public relations, and grant administration.

[Erica Sassman – Grants Manager Consultant, RMC Water and Environment](#)

Ms. Sassman has over ten years of experience managing Federal and State Grant Programs supporting education, health, and environment. Her experience includes managing a local team for an environmental program in China and building capacity for local organizations in Senegal, Afghanistan, and Cambodia. She has a Masters of International Affairs focusing on Economic Development and in European Studies. She was also a Community Advisor & Project Consultant from Universite Libre Bruxelles,

[Lynn, Rodriguez – Partner, Rodriguez Consulting, Inc.](#)

Ms. Rodriguez experience includes more than 36 years of water resource management and integrated regional water management, with additional experience in group facilitation, and project management. Ms. Rodriguez is also the Project Manager for the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County (WVCV) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program since

2005 and Co-Chair of the IRWM Statewide Roundtable of Regions.

[Rick Viergutz - Principal Water Resources Planner at Castaic Lake Water Agency.](#)

Mr. Viergutz has over 20 years' experience in water quality and quantity, a Bachelors and Master's Degree in Geology, and is a Certified Engineering Geologist. He chairs the Upper Santa Clara River Regional Water Management Group.

[Heather Lea Merenda – City of Santa Clarita Environmental Services Division](#)

Ms. Merenda has 24 years of experience in the environmental field. She is a LEED Professional, Qualified SWPPP Developer and a Certified Professional in Stormwater Quality, and a member of the CASQA Water Policy Task Force. Her experience includes grant acquisition and support, NPDES Permit compliance, watershed protection and restoration, air quality improvement, energy management and green building. She has also participated in the development of Upper Santa Clara River Enhanced Watershed Management Plan and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program.

DAC CONSULTANTS:

1. TREEPEOPLE

TreePeople, Inc. is a California not-for-profit organization founded 40 years ago with expertise in the areas of water supply, stormwater capture, and green infrastructure including urban forestry. They possess extensive experience in public-private stakeholder facilitation, planning and project development, regional and state water policy strategy and development, community outreach and hands-on education. They are recognized nationally for their unique Citizen Forester model, and how to inspire low-income residents to plant and care for trees, and capture and manage rainwater.

Key Staff:

[Andy Lipkis – President and Founder of TreePeople](#)

Mr. Lipkis is a pioneer in community and government engagement in urban forestry, environmental education, and integrated urban watershed management. His expertise includes training, educating and partnering with communities, leading technical demonstrations, and facilitating and influencing top policymakers and agency leaders. Mr. Lipkis currently facilitates the Greater Los Angeles Water Collaborative, consisting of leaders from LA Department of Water and Power, LA Bureau of Sanitation and LA County Flood Control District.

[Cindy Montanez – Chief Executive Officer](#)

Ms. Montanez was a California State Assembly Member and chaired the Select Committee on Environmental Justice, with a special emphasis on groundwater contamination and stormwater capture. Her experience includes chief liaison to the Governor's office, the State Legislature, and other key federal and state water, energy and environmental regulatory agencies and serves on the Board of Directors for the UCLA Institute of the Environment

and Sustainability and a Legislator-in-Residence at the USC Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics.

[Christyne Imhoff – Senior Director of Programs](#)

Ms. Imhoff’s experience includes 30 years of experience in the field of environmental education. Currently, she manages and leads the development of TreePeople’s innovative education, outreach and forestry programs. She also designed and had oversight of the development of quality standards related to public engagement, meetings, and education events.

[Edith de Guzman, Director of Research](#)

Ms. Guzman manages research into best practices for the sustainable transformation of the Greater Los Angeles Area. She has led or co-authored multiple published reports on stormwater capture and green infrastructure, and is currently TreePeople project lead and a co-author of the Greening Plan for Inglewood and Lennox. She also oversees a DAC marketing study using community-based social marketing principals focused on barriers and motivators to long-term community environmental stewardship in the City of Huntington Park.

2. COUNCIL FOR WATERSHED HEALTH (Subcontractor)

The Council for Watershed Health (CWH) is 501(c) 3 non-profit organization founded 20 years ago to advance the health and sustainability of the Los Angeles region’s watersheds. CWH employs professionals with expertise and experience in watershed resource planning using GIS, green infrastructure, environmental assessment, and community engagement. CWH understands the complexities of engaging multiple agencies, residents, and stakeholders on projects in diverse communities and have established strong working partnerships with community organizations and agencies throughout the GLAC IRWM Region.

Key Staff:

[Wendy Ramallo, Executive Director](#)

Ms. Ramallo’s experience includes 15 years of organizational leadership, currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Upper Los Angeles River Subregion and member of the Greater Los Angeles IRWM Leadership Committee. She has extensive experience in project design and implementation in DACs including community-based design in park development and public safety, and community-based participatory research and planning in health, welfare and prevention.

[Jason Casanova, Director of Planning and Information Design](#)

Mr. Casanova’s experience includes GIS and Data Visualization at CWH, and has over seventeen years of research and project management experience to solve watershed-based management issues. Mr. Casanova provides technical support to project teams including

analysis, monitoring, data collection, and visualization across all aspects of watershed management. He currently manages a portfolio of projects that includes developing customized web-based map applications local groups will use to help evaluate “greening” opportunities in their community and coordination of CWH’s DAC community-based capacity building and technical assistance in multi-benefit infrastructure.

[Eileen Alduenda, Interim Programs Director/Sr. Manager – Urban Ecological Design](#)

Ms. Alduenda’s experience includes over 10 years of green infrastructure management related to urban design and stormwater management in Disadvantaged Communities. She provides technical support to project teams that integrate green infrastructure and Low Impact Development principles and practices into urban site design. She recently managed a technical assistance team that provided LID technical expertise to more than 40 schools throughout California in support of the California State Water Resource Control Board’s Drought Response Outreach Program for Schools (DROPS) Technical Assistance Project.

[John Tangenberg, Sr. Geospatial Data Scientist](#)

Mr. Tangenberg’s experience builds on the development of methods and data that inform decision-making for multi-benefit urban greening projects. John is the Council’s authority on the Department of Water Resources Groundwater Augmentation Model (GWAM) and LSPC stormwater pollutant-loading model for Los Angeles County. Combined with his development of GIS techniques for modeling pedestrian access and analyzing urban canopy cover, John brings a unique perspective to the design process of advancing urban greening projects that integrate benefits for both water and the community. His recent project work focuses on creating spatial decision support tools for community-based organizations interested in stormwater capture and planning for active transportation.

[Ariane Jong, Project Scientist](#)

Ms. Jong’s experience and background focuses on water quality and stormwater capture monitoring through field work, data analysis, and project management. Currently, she serves as the water monitoring lead for Avalon Alley North, a green alley project focusing on stormwater strategies for an underrepresented community in South Los Angeles. She also provides experience in education and engagement surrounding water quality monitoring and citizen science efforts for the Council’s LAUSD DROPS and Prop 84 projects.

[Other subcontractors](#)

Additional professional and community-based subcontractor categories may also be included within the recommended Activities. All subcontractors will be obtained through an open RFP or similar process.

3. CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, WATER RESEARCH AND POLICY INITIATIVES, DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY CENTER

The California State University Disadvantaged Communities Center (CSU DACC) provides multidisciplinary technical assistance (TA) and capacity building to the most critically underserved communities while providing high-impact learning experience for students. These benefits are derived from the four pillars used to form the DACC, which are: partnerships, student internships, long-term community engagement, and observations and measurements. The DACC's dedicated professional staff provide TA and oversight directly to disadvantaged communities while also training the next generation of water leaders from these communities by hiring multidisciplinary faculty and student interns from the CSU, California Community Colleges (CCC), and the University of California (UC) systems.

Key Staff:

[Boykin Witherspoon III – Executive Director of the CSU Water Resources and Policy Initiatives](#)

Mr. Witherspoon's experience includes all aspects of management for the Water Research and Policy Initiative (WRPI), including budgeting, staffing, and scheduling. He manages multiple consortiums of California State University campuses, consisting of multidisciplinary teams of economist, policy experts, engineers, scientists, and social science professionals.

[Julianna Delgado, March, Phd, AICP – Project Manager, WRPI West Basin Contract](#)

Dr. Delgado, a Professor of Urban and Regional Planning at Cal Poly Pomona, has served as Interim Associate Dean for the College of Environmental Design. A certified urban planner with extensive municipal planning and water resources experience, she is the Founder and Co-Director of the California Center for Land and Water Stewardship and President of the Southern California Planning Congress.

[Karl Longley, SCD, CE - Special Advisor To The CSU DACC](#)

Dr. Longley is Emeritus Professor and Dean of the College of Engineering at California State University, Fresno. He is Founding Director of CSU Fresno's California Water Institute and Chair of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board.

[Roger Shintaku, CE - DACC Director Of Engineering](#)

Mr. Shintaku is a licensed engineer with over 40 years of experience working on water issues in California. He has previously served as Assistant General Manager of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority and the Executive Director of the Salton Sea Authority.

[Ali Sharbat, Phd, CE - Lead Engineer, WRPI](#)

Dr. Sharbat is an Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering at Cal Poly Pomona and is Principal Investigator for a US Department of Interior research contract. He holds a PhD in Environmental Engineering from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

[Weimin Li, MLA, Phd – Research/GIS Data Scientist, WRPI](#)

Dr. Li is an Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture at Cal Poly Pomona as well as

the Department's Graduate Coordinator. An expert in GIS and remote sensing, she holds a PhD in Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning from UC Berkeley.

[Michael Millar, DMA - Director Of Community Engagement, Cal Poly Pomona](#)

Dr. Millar is the Director of the Center for Community Engagement at Cal Poly Pomona where he oversees the University student internships, volunteerism, and community partnership programs. He teaches in the Department of Music and serves as an Arts Commissioner for the City of Santa Clarita.

[Claire Robinson, MESA, MBA - Founder And Managing Director, Amigos De Los Rios](#)

Ms. Robinson has extensive experience developing all aspects of green infrastructure projects through outreach to disadvantaged communities. She is Co-Chair of the National Greenspace Alliance, serves on the USDA's National Urban Forestry Advisory Council, and holds an MBA from UCLA's Anderson School of Management.

[Maria Mehranian – Managing Partner And Chief Financial Officer, Cordoba Corporation](#)

Ms. Mehranian oversees water and energy projects, including development of renewable energy infrastructure and creation of renewable water resources strategies. She is responsible for strategic financial planning, including capital financing, cash flow operations, profit/loss responsibilities, and project delivery.

[Narbeh Issagholian, JD – Legal Counsel And Research, Cordoba Corporation](#)

Mr. Isaagholian, with a background in law and transportation planning, focuses on land use, real estate, and environmental planning. He has provided effective research and delivery of numerous water and transportation-related studies and projects, including enhanced watershed management plans.

E. SCHEDULE

Milestone	2017				2018				2019				2020	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
TASK 0 Administration														
0.1 LA-Ventura Application submitted														
0.1 LA-Ventura Application approved														
0.1 DWR - LACFC Contract														
0.2 Administration (Regions)														
TASK 1 Community Outreach														
1.1 Design Outreach Program														
1.2 Community Outreach & Education														
1.3 Broad-based Public Education														
1.4 Facilitation, IRWM Efforts, etc.														
1.5 Project Mgmt & Reporting														
TASK 2 Needs Assessment														
2.1 Design Needs Assessment														
2.2 Community - Needs Assessment														
2.3 Institutions - Needs Assessment														
2.4 Project Mgmt & Reporting														
TASK 3 Project Development														
3.1 Technical Assistance														
3.2 Project Development														
3.3 Project Mgmt, Reporting														
3.3 Final Rpt														

F. BUDGET

Task 0 Administration	<i>0.1 Proposal Development</i>	\$ 264,000	\$ 264,000
	<i>0.2 Administration (Regions)</i>	\$ 540,000	\$ 540,000
Task 1 Community Outreach	<i>1.1 Design Outreach Program</i>	\$ 420,700	
	<i>1.2 Community Outreach & Education</i>	\$ 999,600	
	<i>1.3 Broad-based Public Education</i>	\$ 700,000	
	<i>1.4 Facilitation, IRWM Efforts, plus</i>	\$ 100,000	
	<i>1.5 Project Mgmt & Reporting</i>	\$ 250,000	\$ 2,470,300
Task 2 Needs Assessment	<i>2.1 Design Needs Assessment</i>	\$ 335,700	
	<i>2.2 Community - Needs Assessment</i>	\$ 992,000	
	<i>2.3 Institutions - Needs Assessment</i>	\$ 336,000	
	<i>2.4 Project Mgmt & Reporting</i>	\$ 190,000	\$ 1,853,700
Task 3: Project Development	<i>3.1 Technical Assistance</i>	\$ 995,000	
	<i>3.2 Project Development</i>	\$ 3,445,000	
	<i>3.3 Project Mgmt, Reporting, Final Report</i>	\$ 232,000	\$ 4,672,000
Total DACIP Funding Area		\$ 9,800,000	\$ 9,800,000

ATTACHMENTS

- Letter of support – Upper Santa Clara River IRWM
- Letter of support – Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County IRWM
- LA / Ventura Funding Area Map



UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER

Integrated Regional Water Management

Los Angeles County Flood Control District
Castaic Lake Water Agency
City of Santa Clarita
Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District
Newhall County Water District
Valencia Water Company
Castaic Lake Water Agency, Santa Clarita
Water Division
San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers and
Mountains Conservancy

December 20, 2016

Gary Hildebrand
Deputy Director
Flood Control District of Los Angeles County
900 Freemont Ave
Alhambra CA 91803

RE: Los Angeles-Ventura Funding Area Proposition 1 Proposal for the Disadvantaged
Community Involvement Program

Dear Mr. Hildebrand

The Upper Santa Clara River IRWM Group supports the selection of the Flood Control District of Los Angeles County as the applicant for the Los Angeles-Ventura Funding Area Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program (DACIP). As you may know, the Department of Water Resources requires a single Funding Area-wide proposal for the 2016 Proposition 1 IRWM DACIP. For the Los Angeles-Ventura Funding Area, the Upper Santa Clara River IRWM Group along with the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County IRWM Group and Greater Los Angeles County Region IRWM Group formed the DACIP Task Force and has been working collaboratively to develop the proposal for the Los Angeles-Ventura Funding Area.

If you have any question please call Rick Viergutz, Principal Water Resources Planner at (661) 513-1281.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dirk Marks".

Dirk Marks
Water Resources Manager
Castaic Lake Water Agency

Cc: USCR IRWM RWMG



February 6, 2017

Stakeholders

General Purpose Agencies

City of Camarillo
City of Fillmore
City of Ojai
City of Oxnard
City of Port Hueneme
City of Moorpark
City of Santa Paula
City of Simi Valley
City of Thousand Oaks
City of Ventura
Ventura County Executive Office
Ventura County Public Works Agency
Ventura County Resource Management Agency

Water Suppliers/Wastewater Management/

Special Districts

Calleguas Municipal Water District
Camarillo Sanitary District
Camrosa Water District
Casitas Municipal Water District
Fillmore Irrigation Company
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency
Golden State Water Company
Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency
Ojai Valley Sanitary District
Ojai Valley Water Conservation District
Pleasant Valley County Water District
Saticoy Sanitary District
Triunfo Sanitation District
United Water Conservation District
Ventura County Watershed Protection District
Ventura County Waterworks Districts
Ventura Regional Sanitation District
Zone Mutual Water Company

Business Organizations

Building Industry Association
Farm Bureau of Ventura County
Coalition of Labor, Agriculture and Business

Recreational and Open Space Entities

California Department of Parks and Recreation
Conejo Recreation and Park District
Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District
Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District
Santa Monica Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority

Regulatory Agencies

California Coastal Commission
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Other Agencies/Organizations

Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County
California Coastal Conservancy
California Department of Transportation
California Department of Water Resources
California Native Plant Society
California Trout
Environmental Defense Center
Friends of the Santa Clara River
Hansen Trust
Matilija Coalition
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Nature Conservancy
Ojai Valley Land Conservancy
Point Mugu Naval Base
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Surfrider Foundation
Trust for Public Land
U.S. Forest Service
Ventura County Resource Conservation District
Ventura Hillside Conservancy
Wetlands Recovery Project

Gary Hildebrand
Deputy Director
Flood Control District of Los Angeles County
900 Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, CA 91803

Re: Los Angeles-Ventura Funding Area Proposal for the Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program Grant

Dear Mr. Hildebrand:

The Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County, the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Group representing stakeholders within Ventura County, supports the selection of the Flood Control District of Los Angeles County as the applicant for the Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program (DACIP) grant on behalf of the three IRWM Regions in the LA-Ventura Funding Area.

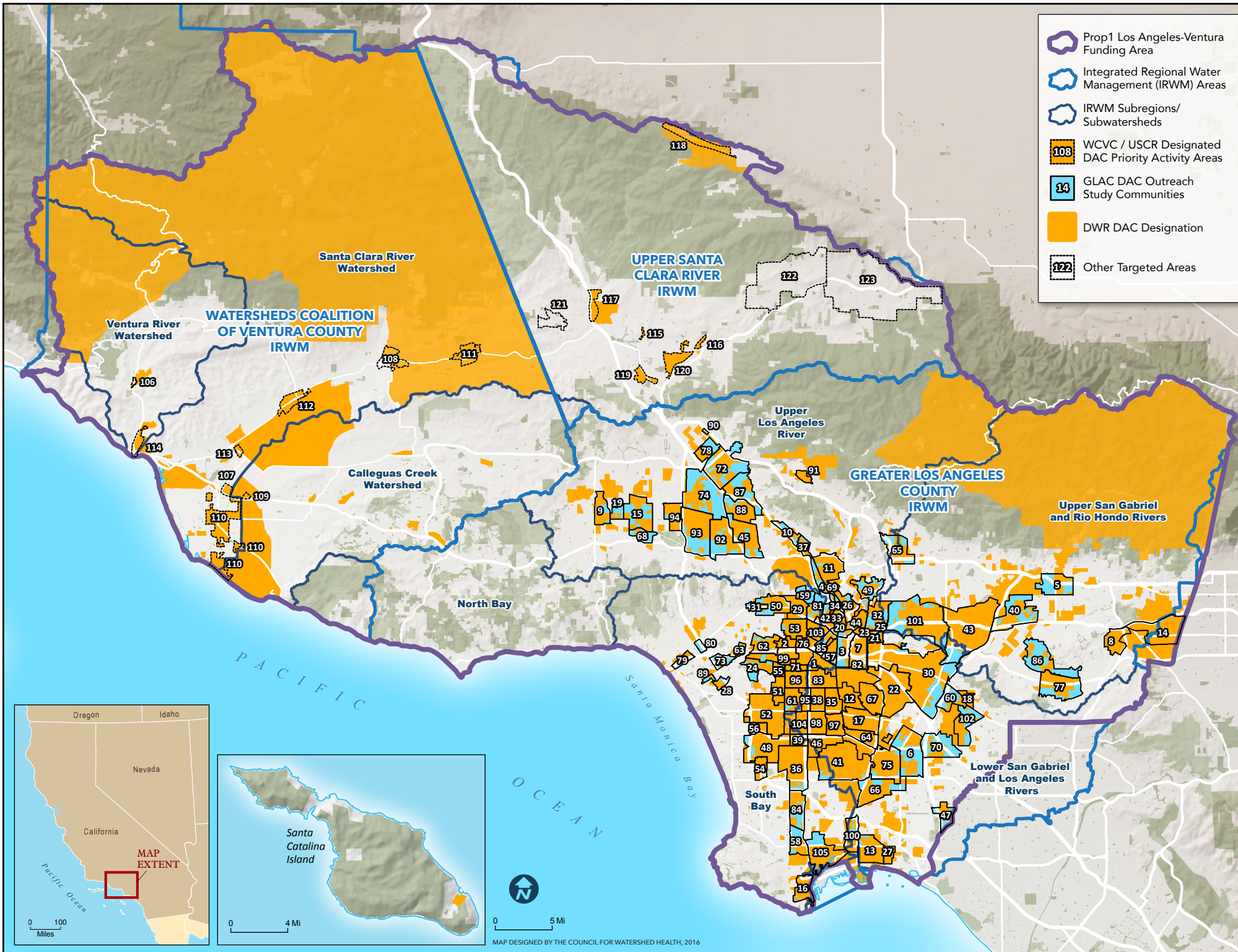
As you know, our three IRWM Regions (GLAC, WVCV and USCR) have formed the DACIP Task Force and are working together with your staff at LACFCD and the consultants you have hired to develop a program that addresses the unique needs and interests of the disadvantaged communities represented by all of our regions. We look forward to collaborating as part of the Funding Area team on this important DAC Involvement Program to address the needs of our DAC communities and to assure equitable distribution of these funds among our three IRWM Regions.

If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Rodriguez, WVCV Project Manager, at (805) 654-2455.

Sincerely,

Sue Hughes
Chair, Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County
Senior Deputy Executive Officer
County Executive Office

cc: WVCV IRWM Regional Water Management Group



DESIGNATED DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE PROP 1 LOS ANGELES-VENTURA FUNDING AREA

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| 1 - Adams/Central | 63 - Mid-City West |
| 2 - Arlington/Harvard Heights | 64 - North Lynwood |
| 3 - Arts District/West Boyle Heights | 65 - Northeast Pasadena |
| 4 - Atwater Village | 66 - North Long Beach |
| 5 - Azusa/Citrus | 67 - Northern Lower LAR Cities |
| 6 - Bellflower/Southeast Downey | 68 - Northern Tarzana |
| 7 - Boyle Heights | 69 - Northwest Glassell Park |
| 8 - CalPoly Pomona | 70 - Northwest Norwalk |
| 9 - Canoga Corridor | 71 - Outer Expo Park |
| 10 - Central Burbank | 72 - Pacoima |
| 11 - Central Glendale | 73 - Palms |
| 12 - Central Huntington Park | 74 - Panorama City |
| 13 - Central Long Beach | 75 - Paramount |
| 14 - Central Pomona | 76 - Pico Union |
| 15 - Central Reseda/S. Northridge | 77 - Rowland/Industry |
| 16 - Central San Pedro | 78 - San Fernando |
| 17 - Central South Gate | 79 - Santa Monica I-10 Corridor |
| 18 - Central Whittier | 80 - Sawtelle |
| 19 - Central Winetka | 81 - Silverlake |
| 20 - Chinatown/Cornfield | 82 - South Boyle Heights |
| 21 - City Terrace | 83 - South Central |
| 22 - Commerce/Bell Gardens | 84 - S. Harbor Gateway/West Carson |
| 23 - County Hospital | 85 - South Park/Fashion/Lofts District |
| 24 - Crenshaw/Baldwin Hills | 86 - South Puente Valley |
| 25 - CSULA and Neighborhood | 87 - Sun Valley East |
| 26 - Cypress/Glassell Park | 88 - Sun Valley South |
| 27 - East Central Long Beach | 89 - Southwest Mar Vista |
| 28 - East Del Rey | 90 - Sylmar/Foothill Blvd Comm. |
| 29 - East Hollywood | 91 - Tujunga/Foothill Blvd |
| 30 - East LA/Montebello/Pico Rivera | 92 - Valley Glen/Valley Village |
| 31 - Eastern West Hollywood | 93 - Van Nuys |
| 32 - El Sereno | 94 - Van Nuys Airport |
| 33 - Elysian Park | 95 - Vermont Knolls |
| 34 - Elysian Valley/Frogtown | 96 - Vermont Square |
| 35 - Florence Firestone | 97 - Watts Proper |
| 36 - Gardena/N. Harbor Gateway | 98 - Watts West |
| 37 - Glen-Bank | 99 - West Adams/Jefferson Park |
| 38 - Goodyear/Van Meter Springs | 100 - West Long Beach |
| 39 - Greater Athens | 101 - West SGV 10 Freeway |
| 40 - Greater Baldwin Park | 102 - Western South Whittier |
| 41 - Greater Compton | 103 - Westlake |
| 42 - Greater Echo Park | 104 - Westmont |
| 43 - Greater El Monte | 105 - Wilmington |
| 44 - Greater Lincoln Heights | 106 - Casitas Springs |
| 45 - Greater North Hollywood | 107 - El Rio |
| 46 - Greater Willowbrook | 108 - Fillmore |
| 47 - Hawaiian Gardens | 109 - Nyeland Acres |
| 48 - Hawthorne | 110 - Oxnard |
| 49 - Highland Park | 111 - Piru |
| 50 - Hollywood | 112 - Santa Paula |
| 51 - Hyde/Harvard Park | 113 - Saticoy |
| 52 - Inglewood | 114 - West Ventura |
| 53 - Koreatown | 115 - Boquet Canyon |
| 54 - Lawndale | 116 - Canyon Country |
| 55 - Leimert Park | 117 - Castaic |
| 56 - Lennox | 118 - Lake Hughes |
| 57 - Little Tokyo/Toy District/Skid Row | 119 - Newhall |
| 58 - Lomita/Southwest Carson | 120 - Santa Clarita |
| 59 - Los Feliz | 121 - Val Verde |
| 60 - Los Nietos | 122 - Agua Dulce |
| 61 - Manchester/Harvard/Chesterfield | 123 - Acton |
| 62 - Mid-City | |