

Attachment 7 – Disadvantaged Community Assistance

7.1 GHCS D

The proposed project will connect Golden Hills CSD and the City of Tehachapi to a new water supply well via a new conjunctive use pipeline. The pipeline connects to the Steuber Well, which will directly serve the Golden Hills CSD community, and provides an emergency connection and future capacity to the City of Tehachapi. The City will pay for 50% of the pipeline cost and their share comprises 28% of the total project cost (see Attachment 4 – Budget). Both agencies have been involved in the project through studies since 2012, an adopted CEQA Initial Study, and a Draft Joint Agencies Agreement.

The entire area within Golden Hills CSD and the City of Tehachapi will benefit from the project. The City of Tehachapi is a census designated place with an average MHI of \$43,949, qualifying the entire City as a DAC (since their MHI falls below \$48,875). Therefore, 28% of the project (based on cost share) directly benefits a designated DAC. The DAC population was also determined based on the DAC Block Group areas within each agency (see **Table 7.1** and **Figure 7.1** below). The data shows that by population, 38% of Tehachapi is a DAC, and 20% of Golden Hills CSD is a DAC. The DAC percentage in GHCS D is in fact higher because there are about 100 homes in GHCS D that do not receive any water from the District, but were included in the population estimate, so the overall population is overestimated. Multiplying the percent DAC population by cost share yields 38% x 28% (Tehachapi) + 20% x 72% (Golden Hills) which equals 25%. Using both methodologies described above, the project has at least 25% DAC beneficiaries.

Table 7.1 - Block Group DAC Status

| Beneficiary | Total Population | DAC Population | % DAC |
|--------------|------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Tehachapi | 14,014 | 5,369 ¹ | 38% |
| Golden Hills | 7,705 | 1,544 ² | 20% |
| Total | 21,719 | 6,913 | 32% |

1. Tehachapi Block Groups GeoID and percent overlap with CDP: 60290061002 (87%), 60290061001 (90%), 60290061004(88%), 60290060041 (5%)
2. Golden Hills Block Group GeoID and percent overlap with CDP: 60290060034 (100%)

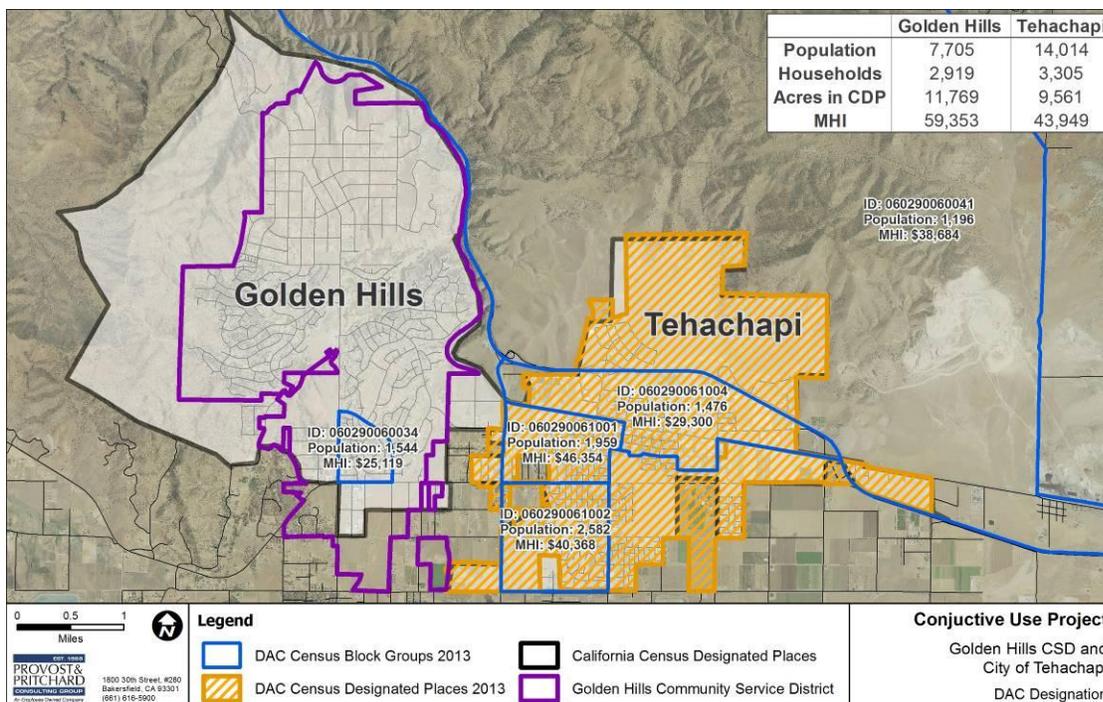


Figure 7.1 – Golden Hills CSD and City of Tehachapi: DAC Designation

7.2 LOWMWC Water Main Replacement and Meter Installation Project

The Lake of the Woods Mutual Water Company service area is located entirely within the Lake of the Woods Census Designated Place that is classified as a DAC because the average MHI is 79.8 percent of the statewide MHI. According to the ACS of the U.S. Census for the period of 2009-2013, the state of California's MHI was \$61,094. Communities with an annual MHI that is less than 80% of the Statewide MHI, equal to \$48,875. With the Lake of the Wood's MHI at \$48,750, the community is classified as a DAC. The boundary of the Lake of the Woods Census Designated Place (also classified as a Disadvantaged Community Place on the DWR DAC Mapping Tool) and the LOWMWC Service Area (where the Project is contained within) is depicted in **Figure 7.2**. LOWMWC is requesting a funding match waiver for its Project costs.

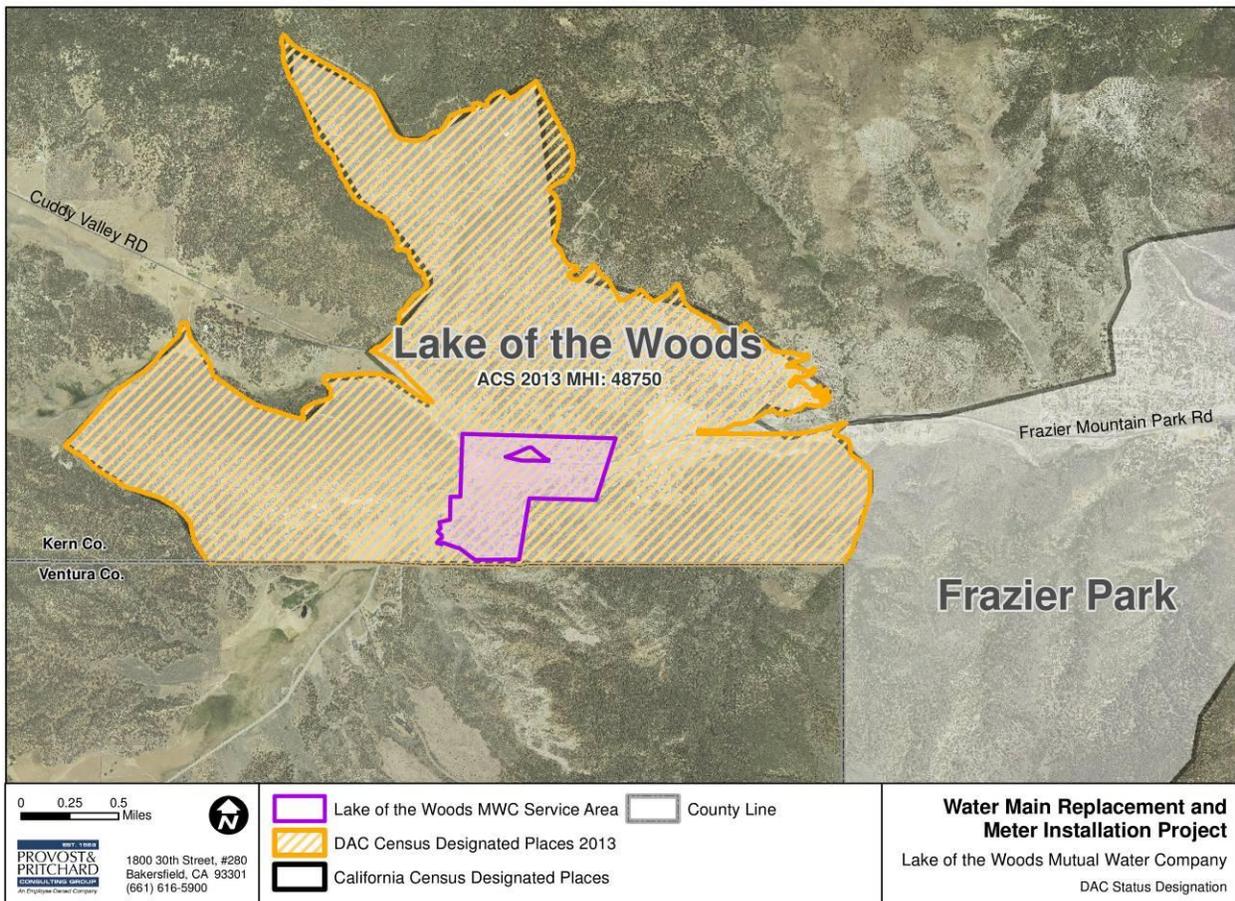


Figure 7.2 – Lake of the Woods: DAC Designation