



UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER 2015 IRWM Implementation Grant Attachment 7 – Disadvantaged Community Assistance

This Proposal provides for the implementation of a suite of Projects that will enhance the reliability of existing supplies by reducing water demand, increasing water supply and improving water quality for the benefit of every person within the Santa Clara Valley.

In the spirit of providing “a safe, clean, affordable, and sufficient water supply to meet the needs of California residents, farms, and businesses” (CWC §79501(b)), an outreach effort directed at disadvantaged community (DAC) members was developed during the initial IRWM Planning process. No communities were identified that met the definition of a DAC, as defined in the Water Code, at that time. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has since updated its web-based application tool to assist local agencies and other interested parties in evaluating DAC status throughout the State, using the definition provided by Proposition 84 IRWM Guidelines (2015). The tool identifies only those census geographies that meet the DAC definition (i.e., only those with an annual median household income (MHI) that is less than 80 percent of the Statewide annual MHI (PRC Section 75005(g))). The specific dataset used in the tool is the *US Census American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Data: 2009 - 2013* (with an MHI of \$61,094 and hence a calculated DAC threshold of \$48,875).

Using GIS to overlay each project area with the DAC data layers provided by DWR’s updated DAC Mapping Tool resulted in the identification of some areas which contain communities fitting the definition of a DAC; however, they do not comprise at least 25% of any project service area, and thus no DACs benefits are claimed in this application.

Therefore, this Attachment is not applicable to this Proposal.