



Upper Santa Clara River Proposition 84 IRWM Plan Implementation Grant Attachment 10 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, and increasing water supply and improving water quality, for the benefit of every person within the Santa Clarita Valley.

The proposal does not include a project that specifically addresses a critical, exclusive water supply or water quality need of a DAC, since no communities were identified that met the definition of a DAC, as defined in the Water Code, during development of the 2008 Upper Santa Clara River IRWM Plan. During the 2013 IRWM Plan Update, DWR's newly developed DAC mapping tool was used to search for DACs within the Region. DWR's mapping tool is based on American Community Service data between 2006 and 2010 and it was found that none of the communities within the Region met the defined standard for a DAC that has a median household income (MHI) of less than 80 percent of the statewide annual MHI. A MHI of less than \$48,706 meets this threshold (DWR 2012). This means that all areas reported average median household incomes greater than 80 percent of the statewide annual MHI for that period. The County had a reported MHI of \$55,476 and the City of Santa Clarita had a reported MHI of \$82,642 during that period. The Santa Clarita Valley Planning area had a reported average annual household income of \$83,900 in 2004 (City of Santa Clarita and County of Los Angeles 2004). While no disadvantaged communities that met the strict state definition were identified, both the City of Santa Clarita and the County have identified areas where particular outreach efforts are merited, due either to substandard infrastructure, substandard housing, or similar concerns.

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 DAC members was developed during the 2008 IRWM Plan process. During this initial effort, as well as during the 2013 IRWM Plan Update with the assistance of DWR's DAC Mapping Tool, no DACs were identified within the Region. As a result, the subcommittee has not actively conducted outreach during the IRWM Plan update.

Therefore, this Attachment is not applicable to this Proposal.