

## **Attachment 10. Disadvantaged Community Assistance**

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## Acronyms

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AFY	Acre-Feet per Year
CSD	Community Services District
DAC	Disadvantaged Community
DWR	California State Department of Water Resources
MHI	Median Household Income
NRCS	National Resource Conservation Service
SLO	San Luis Obispo
SMCSD	San Miguel Community Services District
SSCSD	San Simeon Community Services District
USDA	United States Department of Health

## **Chapter 1. DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE**

This attachment describes the projects in the San Luis Obispo Regional Integrated Water Management Proposal (Proposal), documents the presence and needs of disadvantaged communities (DACs) served by the projects, describes project benefits to the DACs, and includes documentation of DAC representation and participation in the Region’s IRWM process.

Two projects included in the Proposal serve communities identified as DACs: San Miguel Community Services District Critical Water System Improvements and San Simeon Supplemental Water Feasibility Study and Design Project. These projects are seeking “Disadvantaged Community Assistance”<sup>1</sup> in the form of:

- DAC Program Preference—Both projects are seeking this DAC assistance.
- DAC Funding Target—Helping the State to meet its 10% appropriated funding to support critical water supply and quality needs of DAC. Both projects fit the State’s target.
- Expanded Project Eligibility—Both projects include work to address critical water supply and quality needs by way of studies needed to help identify a specific project that may lead to construction project to address DAC needs.
- Funding Match Waiver—Neither project seeks a funding match waiver though both address critical water supply or quality needs of the DAC. Both communities’ projects funding match will be covered by the other projects in the grant Proposal.

### ***1.1 DESCRIPTION OF THE CRITICAL WATER NEEDS OF THE DACS***

This \$950,000 grant application is seeking funding for six of the highest priority, critical water supply projects. The six projects will ensure continued reliability of the minimum quantity of potable water delivered, augment inadequate water supply system pressure to prevent loss of system integrity and to maintain adequate fire protection flows and replace or rehabilitate water supply wells that have exceeded their useful life. The San Miguel Community Services District (SMCSD) needs to implement all six of these identified projects in the immediate future, or they will be faced with continued deterioration of an already deficient water system, and may not be able to support even limited beneficial growth with the identified deficiencies that face the District’s water system. The majority of the District’s residents are low-income households, meeting the criteria as a DAC. These projects help meet the critical water supply and water quality needs of the DAC.

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<sup>1</sup> Per DWR’s 2012 Project Solicitation Package Exhibit E Disadvantaged Community Assistance.

### **1.1.1 San Simeon Supplemental Water Feasibility Study and Design Project**

This project is submitted under the Expanded Project Eligibility allowance based on the DAC status of the San Simeon Community Services District (SSCSD) service area and the critical water supply, water quality, and water system improvements needed to provide safe, reliable drinking water and fire protection. SSCSD is pursuing a \$700,000 supplemental water supply feasibility study and design project to increase safe sustainable water supplies from the small Pico Creek groundwater basin which is dependent on the local watershed to recharge and protect the basin each year, especially during extended drought conditions.

## **1.2 DEMONSTRATION OF THE PRESENCE AND NEEDS OF DACS**

Utilizing DWR’s Disadvantaged Communities Mapping Tool (online resource), both San Simeon and San Miguel were identified as DACs. DWR’s DAC mapping tool utilizes 2006-2010 American Community Survey data to show locations and boundaries of DACs.

### **1.2.1 San Miguel Community Services District Critical Water System Improvements**

San Miguel is a State designated DAC with a median household income (MHI) of \$42,176.<sup>2</sup> Per DWR’s 2012 Guidelines, San Miguel’s project serves a DAC and meets the DAC allowance to submit critical water supply and water quality needs to ensure safe, reliable drinking water and fire protection. Because the project boundary and DAC boundary only partially overlap, the SMCSO is not seeking funding match waiver. However, the project still benefits the needs of a DAC and helps to address State DAC targets.

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<sup>2</sup> DAC definition provided in DWR’s Proposition 84 and 1E IRWM Guidelines,  
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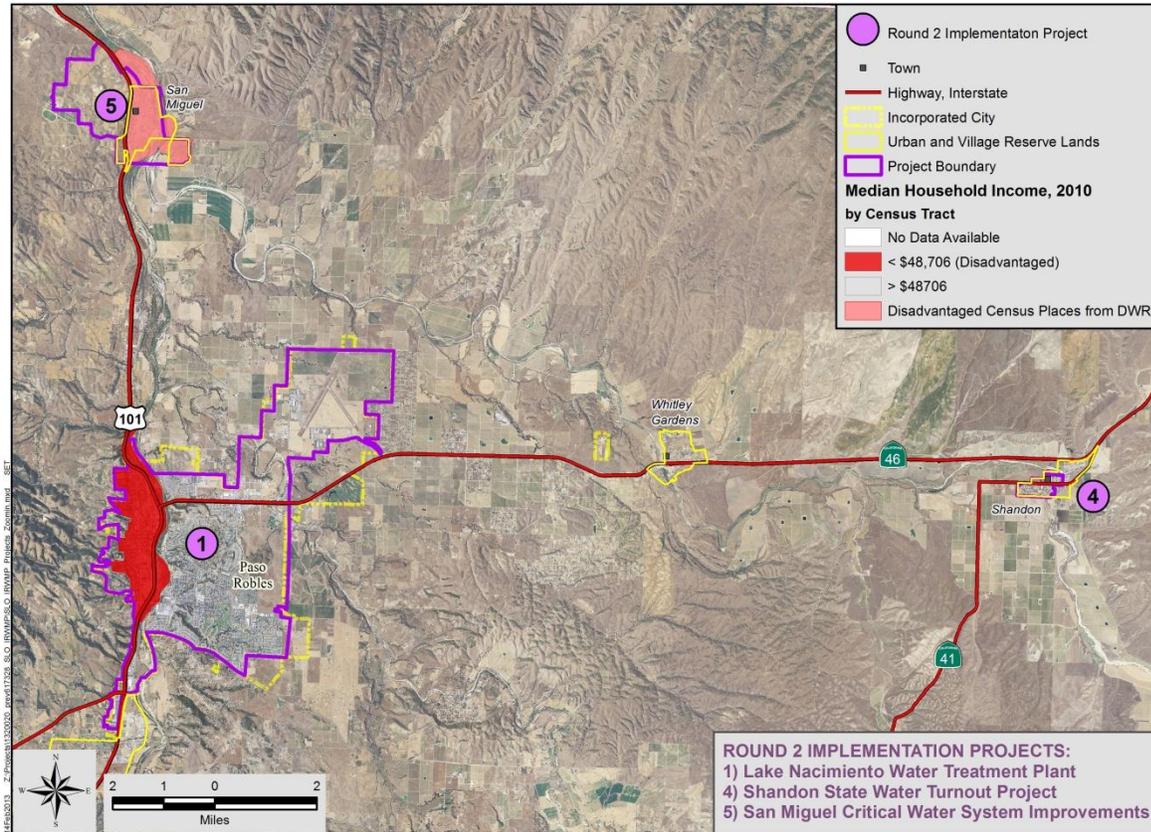


Figure 1-1. San Miguel DAC Boundaries per DWR's Online DAC Mapping Tool.

In 2002, the SMCSO prepared a water master plan<sup>3</sup> whereby various water system needs, improvements and upgrades were identified (see Attachment 7 – Technical Justification, for needed water distribution system upgrades). The various water system needs were prioritized by short-term and long-term needs; short-term needs were those projects of highest priority to address deficiencies in water supply, delivery pressure, fire flow capability, water quality, all centering around immediate needs to address health and safety, and reliability of the community's critical water supply and delivery system.

Since that time, due to the limited resources available to SMCSO, very few of the recommended capital improvements could be implemented. Thus, over the past decade, many much needed water system improvements have been deferred, and, as a result, new critical water system needs have arisen. The highest priority project identified in 2002 was the need for water storage for fire-fighting capability, as SMCSO's water storage at that time fell very short of necessary reservoir storage to adequately fight fires in the community. This water tank project, a 0.65 million gallon steel water storage tank, and associated water transmission main, was completed in 2010 with the assistance of USDA Rural Utilities grant and low interest loan funding. Even with 45% grant funding received, the SMCSO had to take on debt service to fund the other 55%

<sup>3</sup> SMCSO. "Water Master Plan for San Miguel Community Services District", [John L. Wallace and Associates, March 2002] **Error! Reference source not found.**

of this critical project. In addition, the water storage constructed in 2010 was still not sufficient to meet all of the community's needs, although the new tank brought much relief to the community. The infrastructure and efforts associated with this Proposal will help to address the disadvantaged community's most critical water needs.

### ***1.2.2 San Simeon Supplemental Water Feasibility Study and Design Project***

San Simeon is a State designated DAC with a median household income (MHI) is \$43,092.<sup>4</sup> Per DWR's 2012 Guidelines, San Simeon's studies and design serves a DAC and meets the DAC allowance to submit projects under DWR's expanded eligibility allowances. 100 percent of the SSCSD water demand is supplied from underflow wells along Pico Creek based on a 140 AFY water right for diversion of Pico Creek. However, the basin is in overdraft due to past extractions leading to reduced ground water levels and saltwater intrusion (further discussed in Attachment 7). In an effort to reduce groundwater demand and thereby mitigate seawater intrusion and introduction, SSCSD has adopted several strict conservation measures, including a permanent building moratorium that has been in place since 1988.

The work will entail conducting a feasibility study for supplemental water supply alternatives and creating a design for the best alternative. San Simeon's project is submitted under the Expanded Project Eligibility DAC allowance based on its DAC status and the critical water supply and water quality needs to ensure safe, reliable drinking water and fire protection.

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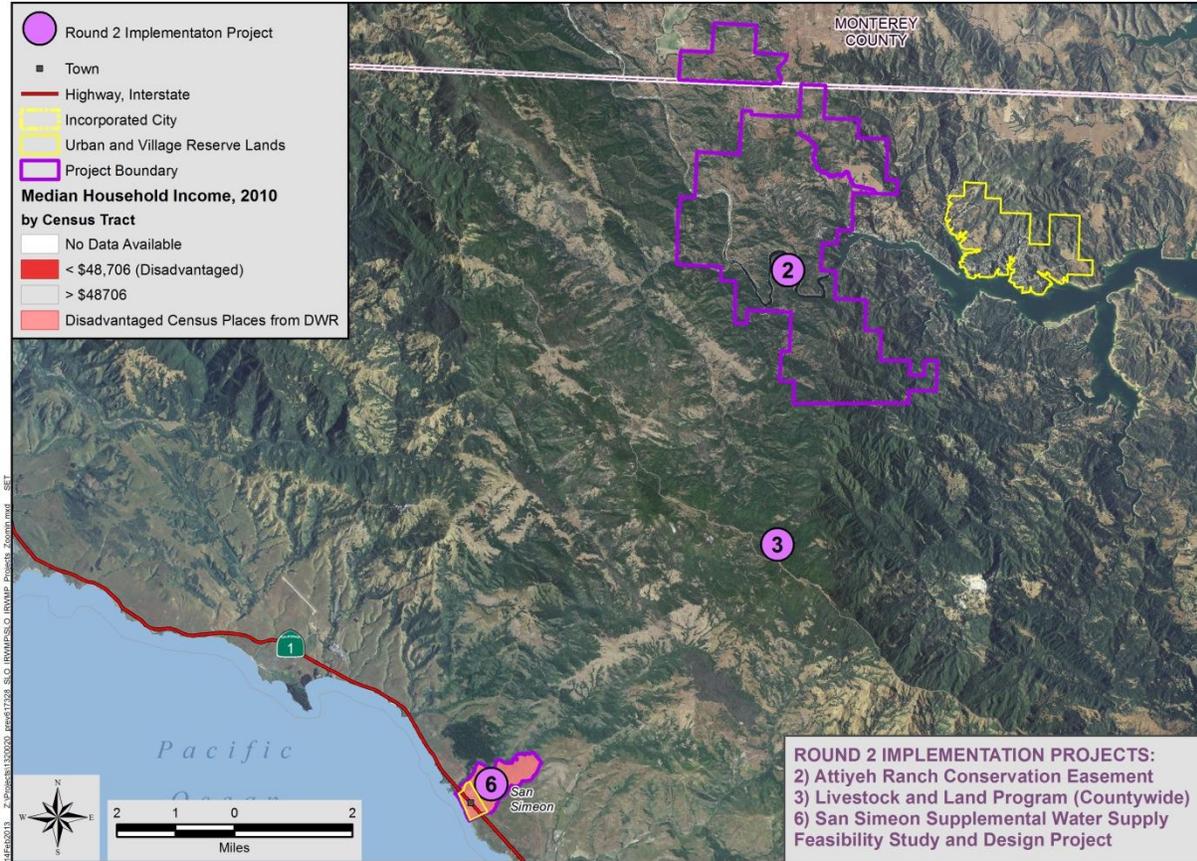


Figure 1-2. San Simeon DAC Boundaries per DWR's Online DAC Mapping Tool.

### 1.3 LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Both San Miguel CSD and San Simeon CSD have provided letters indicating their support for the Proposal or portion of the Proposal designed to provide targeted benefits to the DACs (Exhibit A).

**ATTACHMENT 10  
DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE**

**EXHIBIT A**



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**Subject: Support for the County of San Luis Obispo Regional Integrated Water Management Proposal and Targeted Benefit of the Disadvantaged Community: San Miguel Community Services District Critical Water System Improvements Project**

**IRWM, Proposition 84 Grant Program, Round 2 Implementation**

Dear Mr. Eusuff,

The San Miguel Community Services District strongly supports the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) in its effort to obtain Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) grant funding for the San Luis Obispo County region. The disadvantaged community (DAC) of San Miguel Community Services District Critical Water System Improvements Project provides targeted DAC benefits in an effort to identify a project that meets critical water supply and water quality needs.

San Miguel is a State designated DAC with a median household income (MHI) of \$42,176.<sup>1</sup> Per DWR's 2012 Guidelines, San Miguel's project meets the DAC allowance to submit critical water supply and water quality needs to ensure safe, reliable drinking water and fire protection.

This grant proposal includes six of the highest priority, critical water supply project, including new fire protection infrastructure, well rehabilitation, a well

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siting study, emergency backup power, a new water storage tank, and water main infrastructure. San Miguel needs to implement all six of these identified projects in the immediate future, or we will be faced with continued deterioration of an already deficient, critical water system, and may not be able to support even limited beneficial growth with the identified deficiencies that face the community's water system.

Please make the funding of our Region's IRWM application a top priority, as it will address numerous water resource issues within the County of San Luis Obispo, including helping to identify a project that can help meet critical water supply and water quality needs of a local DAC.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of our Region's proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rene Salas", written in a cursive style.

Rene Salas  
General Manager  
San Miguel Community Services District

cc: Courtney Howard, County of San Luis Obispo

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**Subject: Support for the County of San Luis Obispo Regional Integrated Water Management Proposal and Targeted Benefit of the Disadvantaged Community: San Simeon Supplemental Water Supply Feasibility Study and Design Project**

**IRWM, Proposition 84 Grant Program, Round 2 Implementation**

Dear Mr. Eusuff,

The San Simeon Community Services District strongly supports the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) in its effort to obtain Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) grant funding for the San Luis Obispo County region. The disadvantaged community (DAC) of San Simeon's Supplemental Water Supply Feasibility Study and Design Project provides targeted DAC benefits in an effort to identify a project that meets critical water supply and water quality needs.

San Simeon is a State designated DAC with a median household income (MHI) is \$43,092.<sup>1</sup> Per DWR's 2012 Guidelines, DACs are given special preference in permitting the study and planning of critical water supply or water quality needs. San Simeon's project is submitted under the Expanded Project Eligibility DAC allowance based on its DAC status and the critical water supply and water quality needs to ensure safe, reliable drinking water and fire protection.

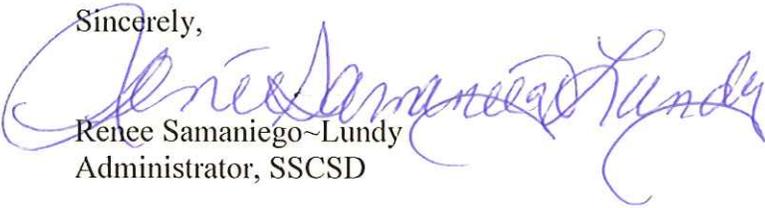
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The San Simeon Supplemental Water Supply Feasibility Study and Design Project will recommend a comprehensive set of actions designed to supplement the available water supplies while simultaneously reducing subsurface and wave action salinity exposure, enhancing drinking water quality, and improving the vitality of the groundwater basin and overall watershed management.

Please make the funding of the District's IRWM application a top priority, as it will address numerous water resource issues within the County of San Luis Obispo, including helping to identify a project that can help meet critical water supply and water quality needs of a local DAC.

Sincerely,



Renee Samaniego-Lundy  
Administrator, SSCSD

cc: Courtney Howard, County of San Luis Obispo