

Addendum to 2014 Water-Energy Grant Program Guidelines/Proposal Solicitation Package, November 7, 2014

On October 31, 2014, the California Environmental Protection Agency designated census tracts in California having a CalEnviroScreen 2.0 score of 76 percent or greater as disadvantaged communities for the purpose of investing cap-and-trade proceeds. This decision increases the number of census tracts considered as disadvantaged communities from what was originally presented in the Final Water-Energy Grant Program Guidelines/Proposal Solicitation Package. All applicants should use the current disadvantaged community census tract designation in preparing their applications. This addendum documents the changes to the 2014 Water-Energy Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package resulting from the decision.

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IV. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

PROGRAM PREFERENCE

Funding priority may be given to proposals that provide direct, meaningful, and assured benefits to census tracts with CalEnviroScreen 2.0 scores exceeding 76 percent. Projects may be located within or outside the DAC. Examples of benefits provided to DACs include, but are not limited to, increased water supply reliability, drinking water quality improvements, increased employment, or water service rate reductions. California Health and Safety Code §39711(a) directs the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) to identify DACs for investment opportunities related to Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund expenditures. Cal/EPA developed a tool, CalEnviroScreen 2.0, which considers factors presented in the Health and Safety code and assigns percentage scores to census tracts. The CalEnviroScreen2.0 tool can be found at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EnvJustice/GHGInvest/>.

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DAC benefit/status	Attachment 7	Proposals with benefit areas overlapping census tracts with CalEnviroScreen 2.0 scores of 76% or higher and where, in general, at least 75% of the benefit is directly received by the designated DAC(s).	DAC Benefit/No DAC Benefit
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ATTACHMENT 7. DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY

For the “AttachmentName” in the naming convention of GRanTS, use “DAC” for this attachment. This attachment consists of two components, a map and a textual description of benefits to DAC.

Attachment 7 is required for applicants claiming DAC program preference. Applicants who claim that the proposal will benefit a DAC must provide a map showing the location of the project(s), benefit area, and DAC census tracts. The DAC census tracts will be derived from the CalEnviroScreen 2.0 Tool (Appendix A).

For a proposal to be considered for the DAC preference, the grantee must demonstrate that an appropriate percentage of the proposal’s benefits are received by at least a portion of a census tract with a CalEnviroScreen 2.0 score of 76 percent or higher. In general, 75 percent of the claimed benefit must be provided to a DAC, except in instances of project labor hours performed by residents of the DAC. In those instances, DWR will defer to DAC Benefit interim

guidance criteria (Appendix A). Projects can be located within or outside the boundaries of a DAC as long as the benefit criterion is met.

There are two ways to provide the required map(s) using the CalEnviroScreen 2.0 Tool:

Option 1: From the CalEnviroScreen link listed in Appendix A, scroll down to “SB 535 Interactive Maps” and download the “SB 535 ArcGIS Geodatabase.” Once the Geodatabase is downloaded, unzipped, and the feature class “SB535_CES2_0_Top25Pct” is added to the GIS, zoom into the area of interest and then include applicable layers to show the proposed project location(s), and benefit area relative to the 25 percent highest scoring census tracts in CalEnviroScreen 2.0. Please provide the applicable shapefiles used to produce the map(s) created in ArcGIS (ArcGIS is a paid subscription).

Option 2: From the CalEnviroScreen link listed in Appendix A, scroll down to “SB 535 Interactive Maps” and click on the link for “SB 535 Online Mapping Application of the Disadvantaged Communities.” Use the mapping application to zoom/pan, as appropriate, to the area of interest. Then, either “Print” (for use as a basemap) and add the project location(s) and benefit area to the basemap, or insert a screenshot of the area of interest into any basic drawing/word-processing program and then appropriately annotate the basemap with the project location(s), and benefit area relative to the 25-percent highest scoring census tracts in CalEnviroScreen 2.0.

In addition to the map (regardless of the mapping option used), please provide text that provides the following information:

- The measurable benefit and percentage of benefit provided to the DAC(s). Examples of benefit include, but are not limited to, improved water quality, increased water supply reliability, increased employment, and reduction of utility service rates or costs.
- Logic that supports the claimed percentage of benefit to be received by DAC(s). Include any basis of the estimate information (e.g., assumed percentage of households taking advantage of a rebate offer). Explain how the benefit is direct, meaningful, and assured (see the Disadvantaged Community Benefit Link in Appendix A).

DWR technical staff will review the attachment. If sufficient evidence is not provided to concur with the benefit threshold, the proposal will be included in the non-DAC priority category.

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CALENVIROSCREEN

Version 2.0: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EnvJustice/GHGInvest/>

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Disadvantaged Community: any community identified on the CalEnviroScreen 2.0 tool with a score of 76 percent or higher.