

The Role of Disadvantaged Communities
(DACs) in the
California Water Plan Update 2013

Presentation to the
Tribal Advisory Committee

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The DAC/EJ Caucus was formed to give DACs a voice in the CA Water Plan Update



There are similar issues facing underserved Tribes and DACs.

For underserved Tribes and DACs the similarities are:

1. Remote locations
2. Poor access to existing infrastructure
3. Wastewater issues
4. Economic challenges.

Sometimes there are urban populations that are not part of the larger community.



And there are differences as well. Tribes are sovereign nations. This must be acknowledged and respected.



The similarities are Environmental Justice issues: cultural barriers, lack of access to clean drinking water, adverse impacts by wastewater, etc.



The DAC Caucus was introduced in December 2011

- There was a need to engage the DACs in the CA Water Plan Update 2013
- There are success stories in the Integrated Resource Water Management Plans (IRWMPS) which can be used as a model for engaging DACs/EJ Communities
- Stakeholder engagement needs to include DACs

Deliverables

- Provide input on Californians' Without Safe Water
 - Working With DWR, Jose Alarcon
- Support development of a DAC Communications Handbook
 - Inspired by the 2008 Draft Tribal Communication Plan
- Identify key legislation and regulation that affects DACs
- Coordinate with Regional Forums to provide input on DAC issues
- Review Finance Plan
- Create state wide contact list for DACs
- Create a state/federal agency list for DACs to ensure resources are located in a central location
- Integrate DAC issues in other areas of the water plan

Californians without Safe Water

- 2005 Californians without Safe Water Report
- 2013 Californians without Safe Water Report
- Schedule
- Tribal AC Involvement
- Co-Leads

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2005 Californians without Safe Water Report

- Section titled “A Focus on California’s Native American Population”
- Content focused on water & wastewater issues
- 2001 Indian Health Service Sanitation Deficiency List

2013 Californians without Safe Water Report

- Executive Summary
- Introduction
- Meeting the Water Needs of Economically Disadvantaged Communities
- A Focus on California's Native American Population
- Progress 2001 to 2011 and Major Challenges
- An Action Plan to Achieve Clean, Safe Water for All Californians
- Conclusions

Schedule

- Develop Draft Annotated Outline March - April 6, 2012
- Comments Due on Draft Outline April 20, 2012
- Final Annotated Outline May 4, 2012
- Develop Content May – June 2012
- Review Draft Report (w/caucuses, Tribal AC) mid August 2012
- Review Draft Report (Plenary) September 12, 2012
- Release Draft Report (Public Comment) Early 2013
- Final Report Fall 2013

Tribal Advisory Committee Involvement in 2013 Californians without Safe Water Report

- Need Authors and Reviewers
- Seeking Reference Documents
- Suggestions needed on what should be included in section
“A Focus on California’s Native American Population”

OWOW 2.0

- OWOW 2.0 is an example of an IRWMP which has the DAC and Tribes working together.
- Leslie Cleveland and Maria Elena Kennedy are Co-Chairs of the Tribal/DAC Pillar and are writing the OWOW 2.0 Tribal chapter together. The Tribal/DAC Pillar has spent hundreds of hours speaking to the tribes and DACS in the Santa Ana River Watershed.

CA Water Plan Update 2013 Tribal/ DAC Cooperation

- There are opportunities to work together
- Much can be gained from working cooperatively
- There is already a model in OWOW 2.0
- This will further both communities
- We recognize there are differences and are mindful of these
- We want to work with you!



Open Discussion



1. Californian's Without Safe Water Report
2. Interface between Tribal AC and DAC Caucus

Questions?
THANK YOU



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