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WaterTalks and the Nexus with the Safe Clean Water Program



Land Acknowledgement



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Mission

To inspire, engage and support people to take personal responsibility for the urban environment, making it safe, healthy, fun, sustainable, and resilient; and to share the process as a model for the world.

DACIP

DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM



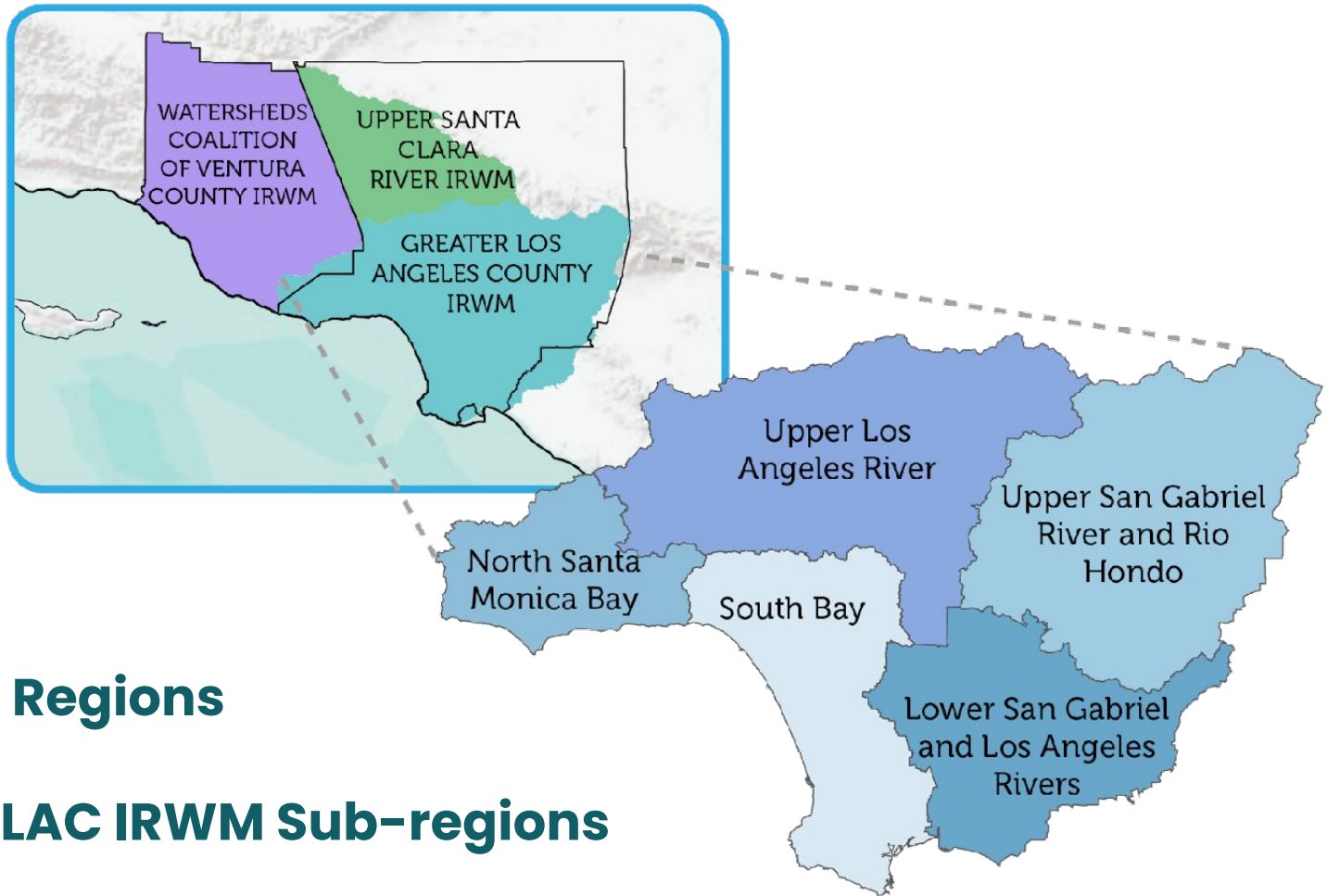
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WaterTalks | What is it?

DACTI (Disadvantaged Community and Tribal Involvement Program) in Greater Los Angeles County (GLAC) region - 3 IRWM Regions

- State of California Proposition 1 Water Bond and Integrated Regional Water Management
 - One of the largest state funded water equity projects in California
 - \$4.5M for Project Development
 - \$9M *minimum* for Project Implementation
- Engaging 104 communities across Los Angeles County
 - Economic and environmental distress
 - Participate as equals in planning for local green infrastructure and water sustainability projects

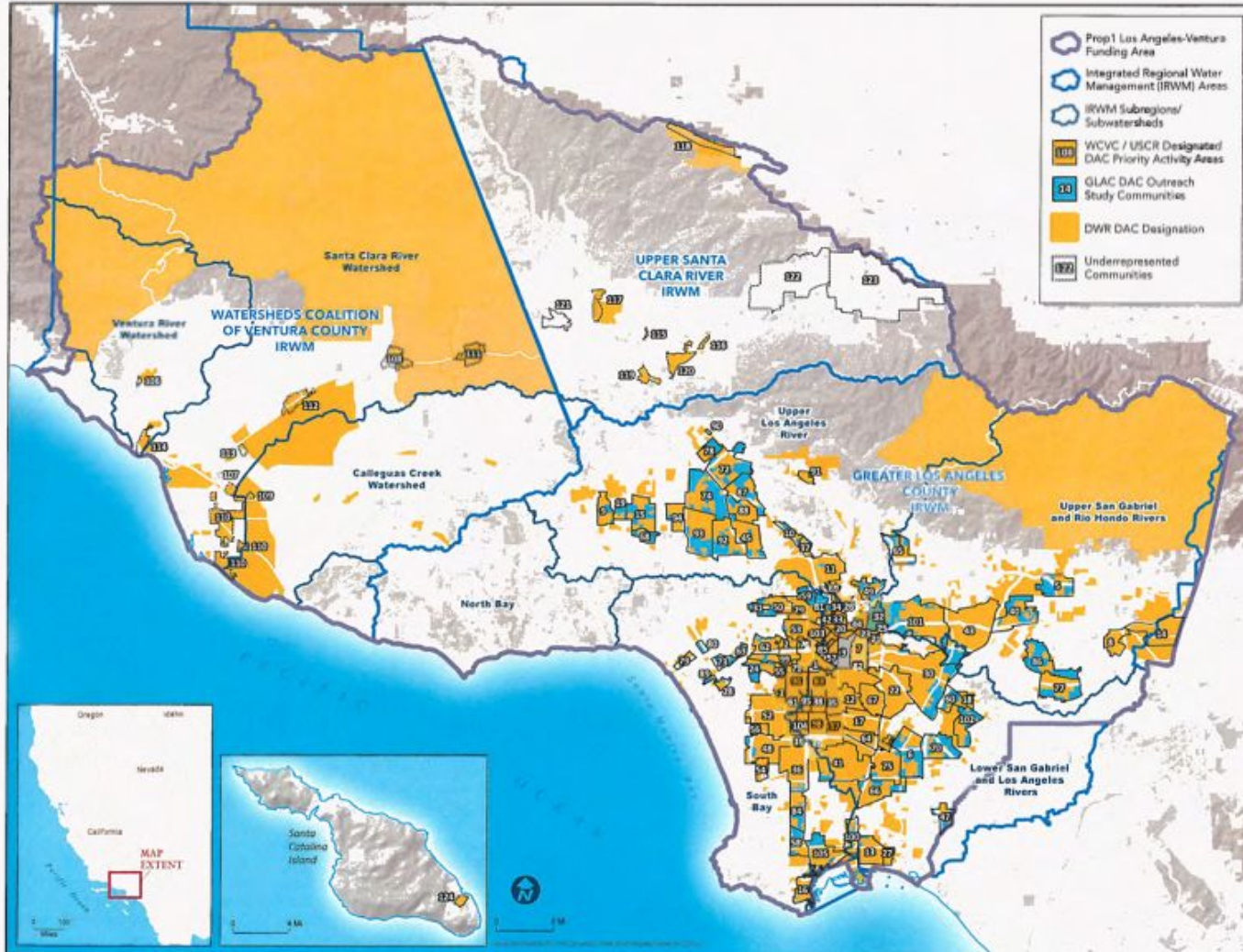




3 IRWM Regions

4 of 5 GLAC IRWM Sub-regions

1 - Adams/Central 2 - Arlington/Harvard Heights 3 - Arts District/West Boyle Heights 4 - Atwater Village 5 - Azusa/Citrus 6 - Bellflower/Southeast Downey 7 - Boyle Heights 8 - Cal Poly Pomona 9 - Canoga Corridor 10 - Central Burbank 11 - Central Glendale 12 - Central Huntington Park 13 - Central Long Beach 14 - Central Pomona 15 - Central Reseda/S. Northridge 16 - Central San Pedro 17 - Central South Gate 18 - Central Whittier 19 - Central Winetka 20 - Chinatown/Cornfield 21 - City Terrace 22 - Commerce/Bell Gardens 23 - County Hospital 24 - Crenshaw/Baldwin Hills 25 - CSULA and Neighborhood 26 - Cypress/Glassell Park 27 - East Central Long Beach 28 - East Del Rey 29 - East Hollywood 30 - East LA/Montebello/Pico Rivera 31 - Eastern West Hollywood 32 - El Sereno 33 - Elysian Park 34 - Elysian Valley/Frogtown 35 - Elysian Valley/Frogtown 35 - Florence Firestone 36 - Gardena/N. Harbor Gateway 37 - Glen-Bank 38 - Goodyear/Van Meter Springs 39 - Greater Athens 40 - Greater Baldwin Park 41 - Greater Compton 42 - Greater Echo Park 43 - Greater El Monte 44 - Greater Lincoln Heights 45 - Greater North Hollywood 46 - Greater Willowbrook 47 - Hawaiian Gardens 48 - Hawthorne 49 - Highland Park 50 - Hollywood 51 - Hyde/Harvard Park 52 - Inglewood 53 - Koreatown 54 - Lawndale 55 - Leimert Park 56 - Lennox 57 - Little Tokyo/Toy District/Skid Row 58 - Lomita/Southwest Carson 59 - Los Feliz 60 - Los Nietos 61 - Manchester/Harvard/Chesterfield 62 - Mid-City 63 - Mid-City West 64 - North Lynwood 65 - Northeast Pasadena 66 - North Long Beach 67 - Northern Lower LAR Cities 68 - Northern Tarzana 69 - Northwest Glassell Park 70 - Northwest Norwalk 71 - Outer Expo Park 72 - Pacoima 73 - Palms 74 - Panorama City 75 - Paramount 76 - Pico Union 77 - Rowland/Industry 78 - San Fernando 79 - Santa Monica I-10 Corridor 80 - Sawtelle 81 - Silverlake 82 - South Boyle Heights 83 - South Central 84 - S. Harbor Gateway/West Carson 85 - South Park/Fashion/Lofts District 86 - South Puente Valley 87 - Sun Valley East 88 - Sun Valley South 89 - Southwest Mar Vista 90 - Sylmar/Foothill Blvd Comm. 91 - Tujunga/Foothill Blvd 92 - Valley Glen/Valley Village 93 - Van Nuys 94 - Van Nuys Airport 95 - Vermont Knolls 96 - Vermont Square 97 - Watts Proper 98 - Watts West 99 - West Adams/Jefferson Park 100 - West Long Beach 101 - West SGV 102 - West Freeway 103 - Western South Whittier 104 - Westlake 105 - Westmont 106 - Wilmington



DESIGNATED DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE PROP 1 LOS ANGELES-VENTURA FUNDING AREA

- 1 - Adams/Central
- 2 - Arlington/Howard Heights
- 3 - Arts District/W. Boyle Heights
- 4 - Arroyo/Wilge
- 5 - Azusa/Citrus
- 6 - Bellflower/Southeast Downey
- 7 - Boyle Heights
- 8 - CalPoly Pomona
- 9 - Canoga Corridor
- 10 - Central Burbank
- 11 - Central Glendale
- 12 - Central Hollywood Park
- 13 - Central Long Beach
- 14 - Central Pomona
- 15 - Central Reseda/S. Northridge
- 16 - Central San Pedro
- 17 - Central South Gate
- 18 - Central Whittier
- 19 - Central Wrentham
- 20 - Chatsworth/Cerritos
- 21 - City Terrace
- 22 - Compton/Self Gardens
- 23 - County Hospital
- 24 - Covina/Midway Hills
- 25 - CIBOLA and Neighborhood
- 26 - Cypress/Glendale Park
- 27 - East Central Long Beach
- 28 - East Del Rey
- 29 - East Hollywood
- 30 - East LA/Mantebella/Pico Rivers
- 31 - Eastern West Hollywood
- 32 - El Sereno
- 33 - Elysian Park
- 34 - Elysian Valley/Froggswen
- 35 - Florence Firestone
- 36 - Gardena/N. Harbor Gateway
- 37 - Glen Park
- 38 - Goodyear/Van Meter Springs
- 39 - Greater Athens
- 40 - Greater Baldwin Park
- 41 - Greater Compton
- 42 - Greater Echo Park
- 43 - Greater El Monte
- 44 - Greater Lincoln Heights
- 45 - Greater North Hollywood
- 46 - Greater Wilton/Brook
- 47 - Hawaiian Gardens
- 48 - Hawthorne
- 49 - Highland Park
- 50 - Hollywood
- 51 - Hyde/Harvard Park
- 52 - Inglewood
- 53 - Koreatown
- 54 - Laundale
- 55 - Lakewood Park
- 56 - Lemoore
- 57 - Little Tokyo/Toy District/Skiel Row
- 58 - Lomita/Southwest Canyon
- 59 - Los Feliz
- 60 - Los Nietos
- 61 - Manchester/Harvard/Chatsworth
- 62 - Mid-City
- 63 - Mid-City West
- 64 - North Lynnwood
- 65 - Northeast Pasadena
- 66 - North Long Beach
- 67 - Northern Lower LAR Cities
- 68 - Northern Tarzana
- 69 - Northwest Glendale Park
- 70 - Northwest Norwalk
- 71 - Outer Expo Park
- 72 - Pacoima
- 73 - Pico
- 74 - Pasadena City
- 75 - Paramount
- 76 - Peck Union
- 77 - Rowland/Industry
- 78 - San Fernando
- 79 - Santa Monica I-10 Corridor
- 80 - Sanwalk
- 81 - Silverlake
- 82 - South Boyle Heights
- 83 - South Central
- 84 - S. Harbor Gateway/West Canyon
- 85 - South Park/Pasadena/Lofts District
- 86 - South Puente Valley
- 87 - Sun Valley East
- 88 - Sun Valley South
- 89 - Southeast Mar Vista
- 90 - Sylmar/Foothill Blvd Corridor
- 91 - Tujunga/Foothill Blvd
- 92 - Valley Glen/Valley Village
- 93 - Van Nuys
- 94 - Van Nuys Airport
- 95 - Vermont Knolls
- 96 - Vermont Square
- 97 - Wabco Proper
- 98 - Watts West
- 99 - West Adams/Jefferson Park
- 100 - West Long Beach
- 101 - West SOV 10 Freeway
- 102 - Western South Whittier
- 103 - Westlake
- 104 - Westmont
- 105 - Wilmington
- 106 - Castas Springs
- 107 - Biltmore
- 108 - Fillmore
- 109 - Highland Acres
- 110 - Oxnard
- 111 - Pico
- 112 - Santa Paula
- 113 - Saticoy
- 114 - West Ventura
- 115 - Boquet Canyon
- 116 - Canyon Country
- 117 - Castaic
- 118 - Lake Hughes
- 119 - Newhall
- 120 - Santa Clarita
- 121 - Val Verde
- 122 - Agua Dulce
- 123 - Arroyo
- 124 - Avalon

WaterTalks

MULTI-PHASE



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PHASE I COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Initial wave of outreach: 50 meetings, 107 communities.

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PHASE II NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Listening sessions; formal needs assessment of institutions and community

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PHASE III FINDINGS ENGAGEMENT

Second wave of outreach to communicate findings; groundtruth

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PHASE IV PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Projects prioritized, conceptualized based on feedback



Phase 1: Community Engagement

Authentic Community Engagement



Importance of Tribal Engagement and Allyship



Clean Water



Clean water is essential to our hydration, food production and sanitation needs.

Flood Protection

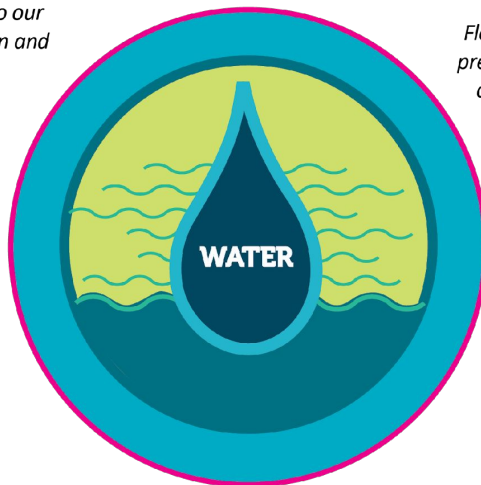


Flood protection strategies are vital to preventing flooding catastrophes in our counties, cities and neighborhoods.

Drainage & Vector Concerns



Management of drainage water is important to reduce water related vector-borne diseases.



Health & Well-Being



Educate people about their water quality to ensure healthy living.

Green Walkable Neighborhoods & Safe Routes to School



Water is an essential ingredient for shaded, walkable, and healthy streets.

Multi-Objective Parks, Recreation, & Habitats



Access to natural resources (i.e. creeks, streams, rivers etc.) and open space directly contributes to public and environmental health.

Partners



**Social
Eco
Education**



Community Education | 2019: In-Person Events



September 19, 2019
Wilmington WaterTalk
Communities for a Better Environment



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October 5, 2019
WaterTalk/Community CleanUp
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Community Education | 2019: In-Person Events



November 9, 2019
Paramount WaterTalk/Zumba Class
Council of Mexican Federation



November 23, 2019
Highland Park WaterTalk
Council of Mexican Federation/Anahuak Soccer



Community Education | 2019: In-Person Events

ACTIVE
SGV

December 6, 2019
Northeast Pasadena WaterTalk/Bike Ride
Active San Gabriel Valley





Phase 2: Needs Assessment

Needs Assessment

Project Development that Starts with Community

- **Methods**

- Online Survey
- Community Listening Sessions
- Phone Interviews
- Small Group Interview
- One-on-One Interviews

A dark blue landing page for the WaterTalks survey. On the left, there are two pink callout boxes with white text. The top one says "WIN A \$100 GIFT CARD!" and the bottom one says "GANA UNA TARJETA DE REGALO DE \$100!". The main content area has the heading "Take the WaterTalks Survey!" and three paragraphs of text in English and Spanish. There are two buttons: "Take the survey in English" and "Tomar la encuesta en español". On the right side, there are three white boxes with blue and orange icons and text: "Upcoming Virtual Events", "View Past Events", and a warning icon with text about a fact sheet related to Covid-19 and water safety. At the bottom of this right section are two orange buttons labeled "English" and "Spanish".

WIN A \$100 GIFT CARD!
After completing the survey, you will be invited to enter an opportunity drawing to win one of several \$100 gift cards

GANA UNA TARJETA DE REGALO DE \$100!
Después de completar la encuesta, se le invitará a participar en un sorteo de oportunidades para ganar una de varias tarjetas de regalo de \$ 100

Take the WaterTalks Survey!

Participation in our WaterTalks community survey will help ensure that communities' needs, concerns, questions, and insights can be considered to become part of the State's future water projects.

By identifying community needs and priorities, your input will help identify and prioritize projects within the LA-Ventura IRWM region for Prop 1 technical assistance funding as well as ongoing and future funding decisions.

This Survey will take approximately 10 minutes.

[Take the survey in English](#)

La participación en nuestra encuesta comunitaria WaterTalks ayudará a garantizar que las necesidades, inquietudes, preguntas y conocimientos de las comunidades se puedan considerar como parte de los futuros proyectos de agua del estado.

Al identificar las necesidades y prioridades de la comunidad, su aporte ayudará a identificar y priorizar proyectos dentro de la región de LA-Ventura IRWM para el financiamiento de asistencia técnica de la Prop 1, así como para las decisiones de financiamiento actuales y futuras.

Esta encuesta tomará aproximadamente 10 minutos.

[Tomar la encuesta en español](#)

[Upcoming Virtual Events](#)

[View Past Events](#)

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View a Fact Sheet related to Covid-19 and water safety and water supply

[English](#) [Spanish](#)

Strengths & Needs Assessment | Targets

Community



Indigenous People



Institutions



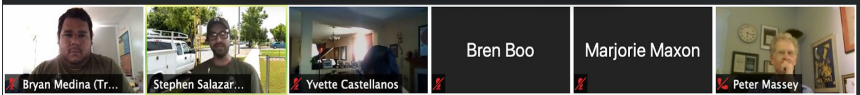
Schools



Needs Assessment | 2020: Transitioning to COVID

Project Development that Starts with Community

- **12 Planned meetings cancelled**
- **Reaching new people**
- **Online engagement learning curve**
- **Digital divide**
- **Meeting fatigue**
- **NGOs Change of Focus**
 - Redirection of resources and immediate needs
- **Community Challenges**
 - Financial insecurity
 - Lack of employment
 - Food and housing insecurity
 - Lack of healthcare and childcare
 - Access to technology



IRWM REGIONS
Integrated Regional Water Management

WHAT IS WATERTALKS?



The GLAC IRWM region is comprised of five subregions for planning purposes.

- Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act (SB 1672)
- IRWM provides a framework for collaboratively identifying and implementing regional water solutions.
- There are three Southern California's planning areas.
 - Greater Los Angeles County (GLAC)
 - Upper Santa Clara River (USCR)
 - Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County (WCVC)

IRWM meetings for GLAC and its subregions are open to the public!
To learn more visit: <https://dwp.lacounty.gov/wmd/irwmp/>

Needs Assessment | Changes

Original Approach

- Online Survey
- In-Person Listening Sessions
- Small Group Interviews
- One-on-One Interviews
- Canvassing
- Paper Surveys at Events

COVID-19 Approach

- Online Survey - *elevated*
- Digital Listening Sessions
- Phone Banking
- Paper Surveys - New Reality
- Incentives
 - Art Supply Kits
 - Water Testing Kits
 - Fruit Trees
- Timeline Extensions

Needs Assessment | Results

September 15, 2020 – June 15, 2021

- **3,100 Surveys** reflect our 104 communities
- **29 Community Listening Sessions**
- **31 Institutional Interviews**
- **6 Tribal Listening Sessions / Focus Groups**
- **300,000 People** reached via our Outreach



GREATER LA COUNTY COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT DASHBOARD

Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) | Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program (DACIP)

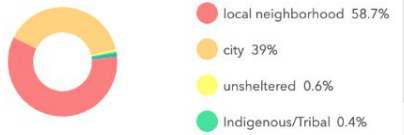
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SELECT A COMMUNITY:
No community selected

Survey Selection
3,106

Total Survey Participants
3,106

How Do You Define Your Community?



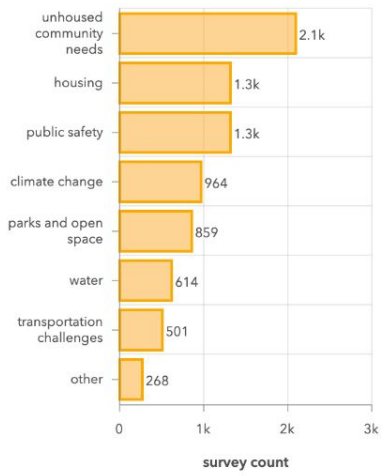
Defining Community

Are You On A Septic System?

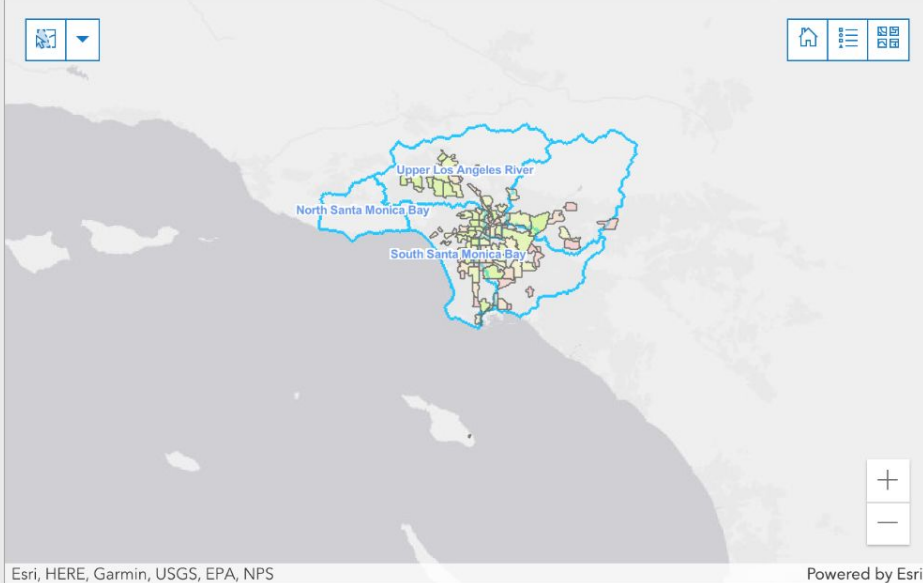


Are You On A Septic System? Private Well?

Top 3 Most Pressing Community Concerns



Top 3 Concerns Top 3 Water Concerns



Do You Have Concerns About Your Drinking Water Quality?



Drinking Water

My Local Government Is Addressing Infrastructure And Beautification Needs



Community Needs

INQUIRIES REGARDING PERSONAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Q1. Do You Have Ideas For How Water Problems Could Be Addressed?

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Said Yes

Q1



Phase 4: Trainings and Project Development

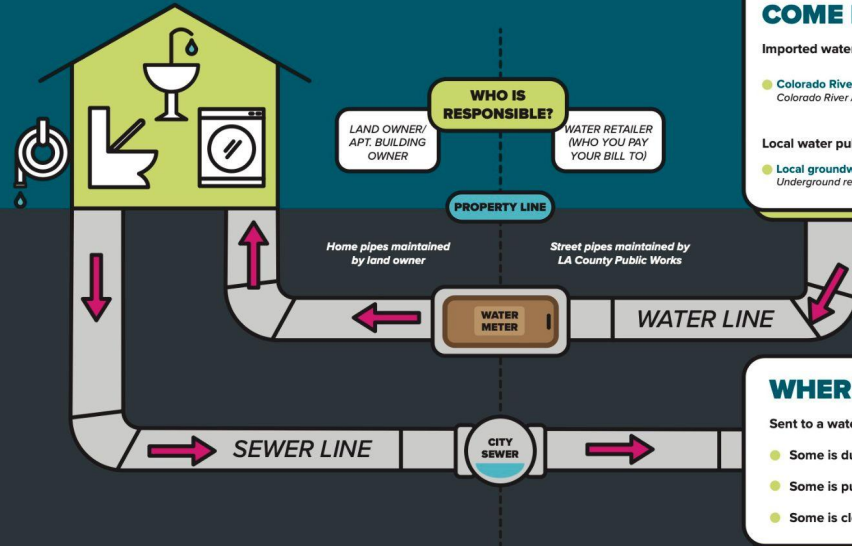
INSIDE WATER

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Do you trust the water coming out of your tap?

Did you know that bottled water could be **1700x** more expensive?



HOW DO I KNOW WHERE THE ISSUE IS?

- Have your water tested.
- If the test shows contamination, have your neighbors test theirs.
 - If it is just you, then it is likely home pipes.
 - If it is neighborhood-wide, then it is likely street pipes.
- If neighborhood-wide, report the issue to your water retailer and/or City Council or County Supervisor's office. Or, call the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

GOOD TO KNOW

- Metropolitan Water District (MWD) is a water wholesaler in S. California.
 - Sells to midsize wholesalers who sell to water retailers across LA County.
- Some retailers have their own wells.
- Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is a water wholesaler and retailer.
- Water retailers are regulated and must meet water quality standards until it gets to home pipes.

State Receives Proposals Time: ~6 mo

State determines which proposal to fund and sends notifications.
 If for some reason the project is not chosen, head back down to the IRWM committee and either wait to be part of another funding round or head down to find another funding source.

Project Approval & Begin! Time: Up to 10 years
Delays happen especially during construction

When project is approved for funding: Continue to:
 • Paperwork and Agreements with assessor
 • The Compliance Officer begins the process
 • Sub-contractors are hired
 • Begin the project process
 • Complete reports throughout the process
 • Involve the community as much as possible
 • Develop training and resources to support the sustainability of the project

IRWM Committee Time: 6+mo

IRWM Committees choose projects they want to package together for a funding round.
 If project is approved to be part of the bundle, head up to the next level for approval by the State.
 If the project is not chosen as part of the bundle, head back down and look at other funding sources.

County Board of Supervisors Time: 1-2 mo

Board of Supervisors approve each WASC committee package on an annual basis (due July 31st).

GLAC IRWM Sub-Committee Time: 6+mo

IRWM: Get on schedule to present your proposal/concept at the subcommittee meeting in your area.
 • It takes several meetings to get through all the projects
 • It takes several meetings to decide which ones they will choose
 • If project is chosen it heads up to the next level: GLAC committee.
 If project isn't defined enough, shoot back down to get more assistance.

WASC Scoring Time: Annual cycle

WASC: Projects are scored by a scoring committee. A minimum number of points are required for a project to move ahead.
 • Each year WASC chooses projects they want to package together for funding
 If project scores low they may allow projects one chance to correct deficiencies. Shoot back down to get more assistance. Or it may get rejected for the funding cycle.
 If project gets a high enough score, head up to the next level for approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Concept Building Time: 1-2 years

Determine if you will be submitting through IRWM or WASC:
 • They have different proposal processes
 • WASC is a one shot
 • IRWM has funding cycles that vary and could be multiple years apart

Find partners to help build capacity or those that have the ability to take on the project, if necessary.
 • Find other organizations to be part of the operation design that can help push the proposal through the different design
 • Support from elected officials always helps more things along

Identify those responsible for the land—they have to be a willing partner.

Put together a concept plan for your area to find the right interested coordinators are treated with helping develop community concept into feasible projects.
 • Municipal or county coordinators may take on this task
 • Depending on the size of the project you may need:
 • A local sponsor
 • Consultant to help write the proposal

Keep on top of other State/County funding opportunities to continue to build capacity.
 • State sources: California Department of Water Resources, California National Resource Agency, California State Watersheds, Contra, California State Compendium
 • County sources: Measures K/A, and M

Problem/Project Identification Time: Ongoing

Keep the community involved and informed.
 • Set up last person for a trip to demonstration locations to share what can be done
 • Create newsletters/emails
 • Have community meetings

Work with others to explore solutions.
 • Work with your City/County Public Works Department or the Los Angeles County Public Works Department
 • Work with the Watershed Coordinator of your area
 • Work with TreePeople for community greening projects
 • Work with Council for Watershed Health
 • Work with local electeds.

Identify problems/issues that need to be solved.
 • Your main job is to ID the problems; the community needs

Relationship Building, Research & Engagement Time: Ongoing

Engage the community to identify needs and concerns—where are local issues happening?
 • Listen and learn
 • Look for project partners
 • They approve projects funded through the State

Engage local electeds to share community needs, wants, and gain support.

Attend GLAC-IRWM subcommittee meetings in your area.
 • Listen and learn
 • Look for project partners
 • They approve projects funded through the State

Attend local Watershed Area Steering Committee (WASC) meetings.
 • Listen and learn
 • Look for project partners
 • They approve projects funded through Safe Clean Water Program



Chutes and Ladders!

Making Your Way Through the Project Process

Project Development

Goals

- Work with the IRWM decision process
- Support from all 4 GLAC sub-regions
- Balance the number of projects per sub-region



