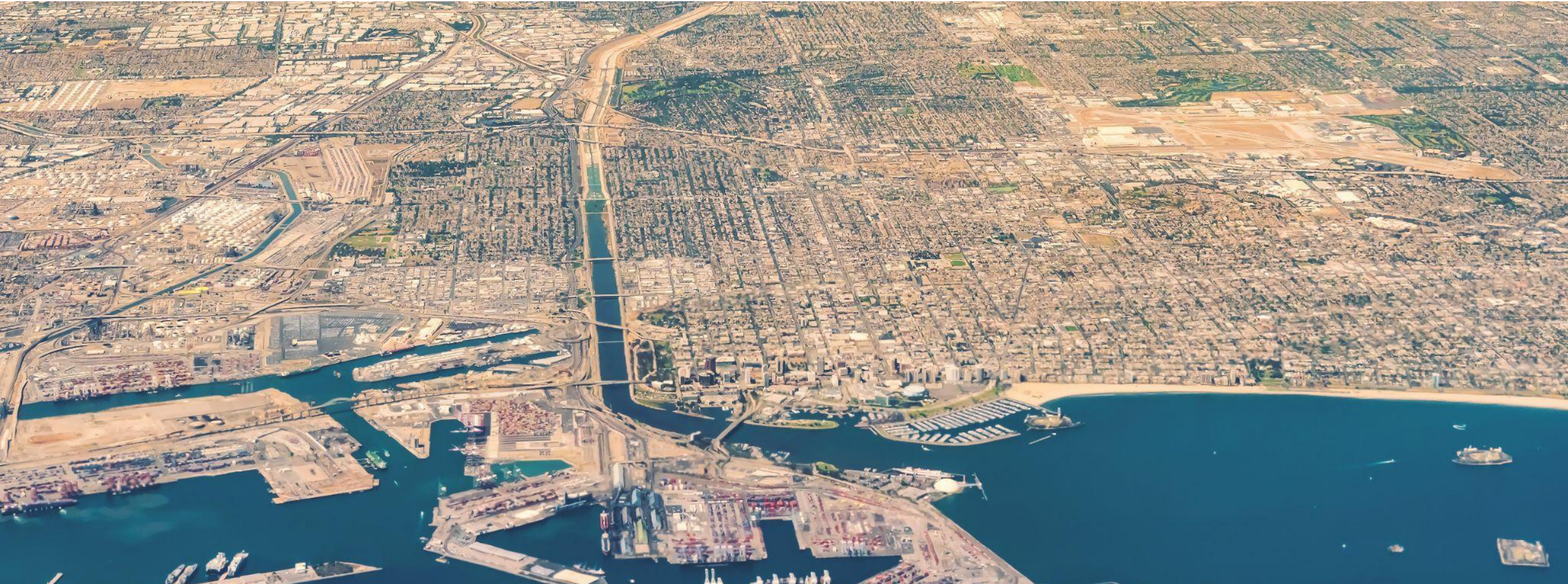




LOWER LA RIVER WATERSHED COORDINATOR

WASC Meeting - February 2023



AGENDA

Spatial Data Library-Catchment Areas

Interim Guidance for SCWP-Community
Engagement

Interim Guidance for SCWP-DAC

Spatial Data for LLAR Project Catchment Area Boundaries

SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

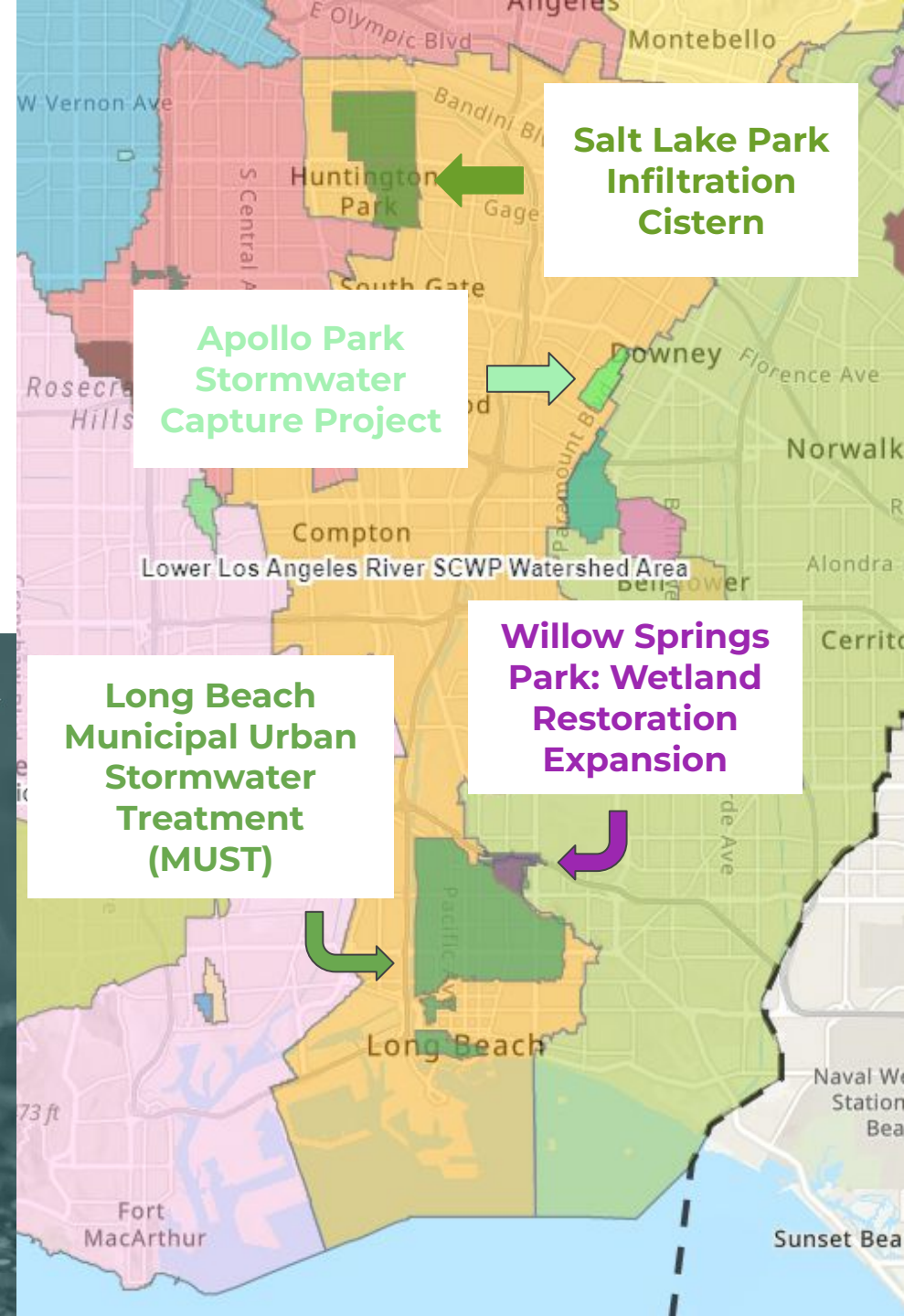
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REGIONAL PROGRAM

- REGION PROGRAM OVERVIEW
- 2022 INTERIM GUIDANCE
- CALL FOR PROJECTS
- STORMWATER INVESTMENT PLANS
- TECHNICAL RESOURCES
- WATERSHED COORDINATORS
- SCIENTIFIC STUDIES
- SPATIAL DATA LIBRARY**

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Safe Clean Water Program

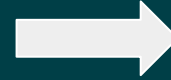




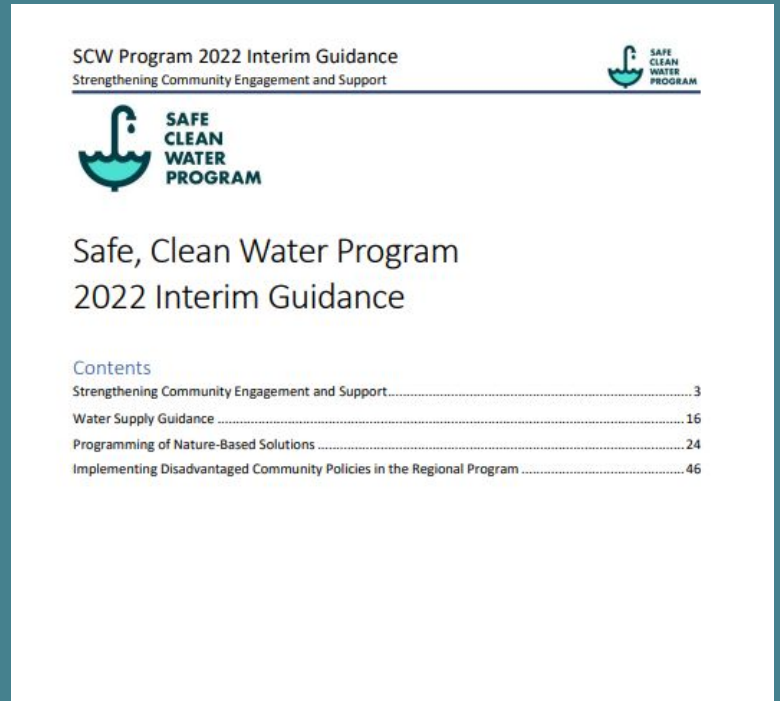
2022 INTERIM GUIDELINES

Purpose

1. Review the Interim Guidelines
2. Review current projects under consideration in relation to disadvantaged communities and community engagement.
3. Inform WASC decision-making



Safe Clean Water Program 2022 Interim Guidelines



Takeaway

- This slide deck is a resource for the WASC to reference when reviewing Round 3 projects.

Available on the website under “Regional Program”
safecleanwaterla.org/regional-program-2/

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STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT

Influences for Interim Guidance Community Engagement Best Practices

[Spectrum of Community Engagement to Ownership](#), originally developed by Rosa González of Facilitating Power in Partnership with Movement Strategy Center

Principios y Comunidad:
Principles that Define Strategies and Approaches for Impactful Community Engagement by [Mujeres de la Tierra](#)

Experts from the University of California Los Angeles are enlisted to create additional guidance.

Safe Clean Water Program Model for Community Engagement



Safe Clean Water Program Model for Community Engagement



Good

Activities that Inform and Consult

- Fact sheets with translation as needed
- Open houses
- Presentations
- Videos
- Online media
- Social media
- Local media
- Listening sessions
- Public comment
- Focus groups
- Surveys
- Polling



Better

Activities that Involve, Educate, and Learn

- Interactive workshops and tours
- Community forums
- House meetings
- Transparent responses to community comments
- Canvassing
- Document expanded understanding and commitment to ongoing relationships



CWH led tour with SCOPE members and staff, Magic Johnson Park.

Photo credit: Council for Watershed Health

Best

Activities that Collaborate, Incorporate, and Partner

- Community-driven planning
- MOUs or support letters with CBOs
- MOUs or support letters from elected officials
- Consensus building
- Community organizing
- Citizen advocacy committees
- Open planning forums with citizen polling
- Participatory action research
- Participatory budgeting
- Cooperatives



Photo credit: Promesa Boyle Heights

Stakeholder Involvement Rubric



LEADERSHIP: COLLABORATION

LD1.3 Provide for Stakeholder Involvement

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POINTS

INTENT

Early and sustained stakeholder engagement and involvement in project decision making.

METRIC

Establishment of sound and meaningful programs for stakeholder identification, early and sustained engagement, and involvement in project decision making.

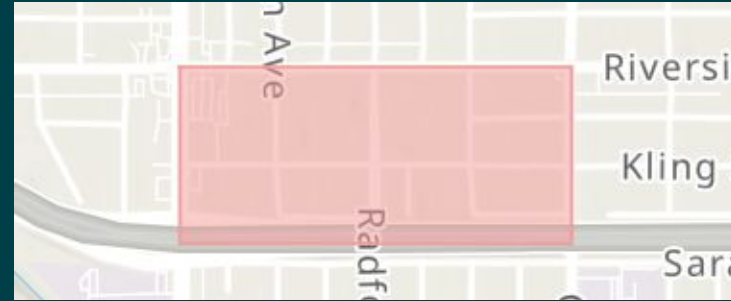
LEVELS OF ACHIEVEMENT

IMPROVED	ENHANCED	SUPERIOR	CONSERVING	RESTORATIVE
A + B	A + B + C	A + B + C + D	A + B + C + D + E	A + B + C + D + E + F
(3) Active Engagement	(6) Direct Engagement	(9) Community Involvement	(14) Community Satisfaction	(18) Stakeholder Partnerships
<p>(A) Primary and secondary stakeholders are identified through a stakeholder mapping process. Stakeholder concerns and specific objectives for stakeholder engagement are defined.</p> <p>(B) A proactive stakeholder engagement process is established with clear objectives. This occurs at the earliest stages of planning and is sustained through project construction. Engagement moves beyond education into active dialogue. Stakeholder views are monitored, and a two-way line of communication is established to reply to inquiries. Sufficient opportunities are provided for stakeholders to be involved in decision making. The participation process is transparent with opportunities to provide meaningful input.</p> <p>(C) A lead person from the project team, in addition to any public involvement lead or manager, works with stakeholder groups to understand communication needs and the desire for and scope of involvement.</p> <p>(D) There are specific cases in which public input influenced or validated project outcomes. Potentially conflicting stakeholder views were evaluated and addressed equitably during decision making.</p> <p>(E) Feedback is sought from stakeholders as to their satisfaction with the engagement process, and the resulting decisions were made based on their input.</p> <p>(F) One or more stakeholders, having mutual interests or interdependencies, are identified and engaged as partners.</p>				

IMPLEMENTING DAC POLICIES IN THE REGIONAL PROGRAM

Program Definitions

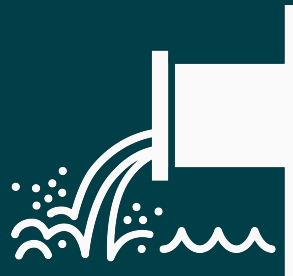
“**Disadvantaged community**’ means a census block group that has an annual median household income of less than eighty percent (80%) of the Statewide annual median household income (as defined in Water Code section 79505.5).” (Section 16.03(H))



Example of a Census Block Group in the ULAR

“**Disadvantaged Community (DAC) Benefit**’ means a Water Quality Benefit, Water Supply Benefit, and/or Community Investment Benefit located in a DAC or providing benefits directly to a DAC population.” (Section 16.03(I))

“Water Quality Benefit”



“Water Supply Benefit”



“Community Investment Benefit”



Projects provide a Disadvantaged Community Benefit if:

1. **Any of the construction effort** is within a census block group designated as a disadvantaged community

OR

1. **None** of the construction effort is within a census block group designated as a disadvantaged community **BUT it provides a “direct benefit”** to a census block group designated as a disadvantaged community.

What Counts as a “Direct Benefit?”

Whether a Project provides a “direct benefit” will be **a decision made by WASCs on a project-by-project basis**, considering:

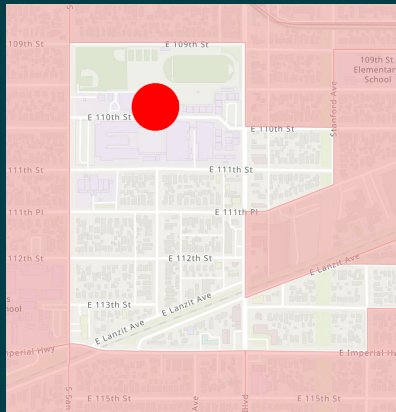
- the goals of the SCWP,
- the benefits provided to the community by each Project, and
- the area within which those benefits will be felt.

How Can you as a WASC Validate Direct Benefits?

Hearing from community members is the best way to validate a direct benefit.

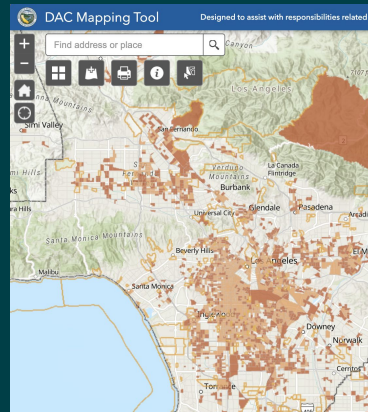
Other Possible Considerations:

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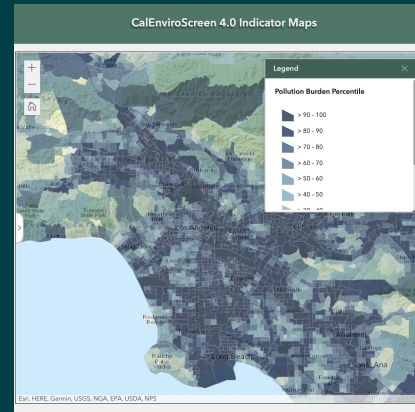


Some projects are near disadvantaged block groups.

External Datasets:



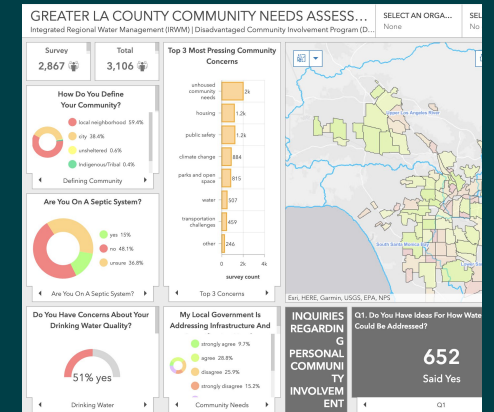
Other Census data ([DWR DAC Mapping Tool](#))



[CalEnviroScreen 4.0](#)



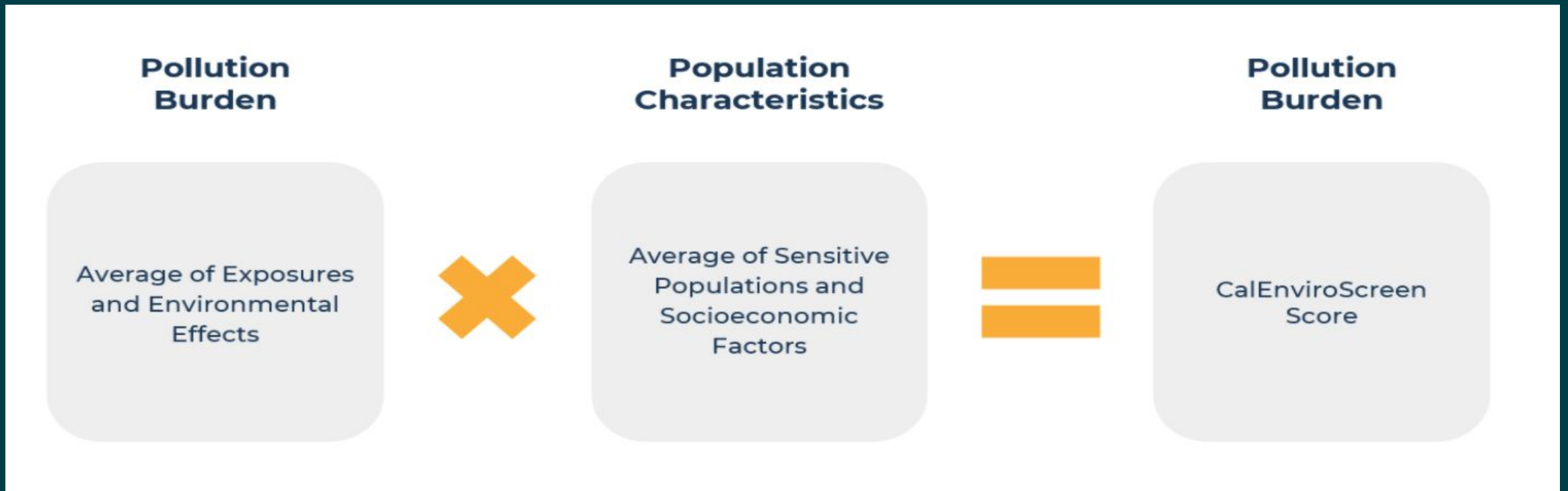
[LA County RPOSD Park Needs Assessment](#)



[IRWM DAC Involvement Program Greater LA County Needs Assessment](#)

CalEnviroScreen Scoring

A higher CalEnviroScreen score indicates a higher pollution burden and higher sensitivity to pollution.



DAC Benefits Framework

3 “Buckets”

Projects Located Within
a 2018 Disadvantaged
Census Block Group
(thus expressly benefit a
DAC)



Projects NOT Located
Within a 2018
Disadvantaged Census
Block Group and NOT
Claiming a DAC Benefit



Projects NOT Located
Within a 2018
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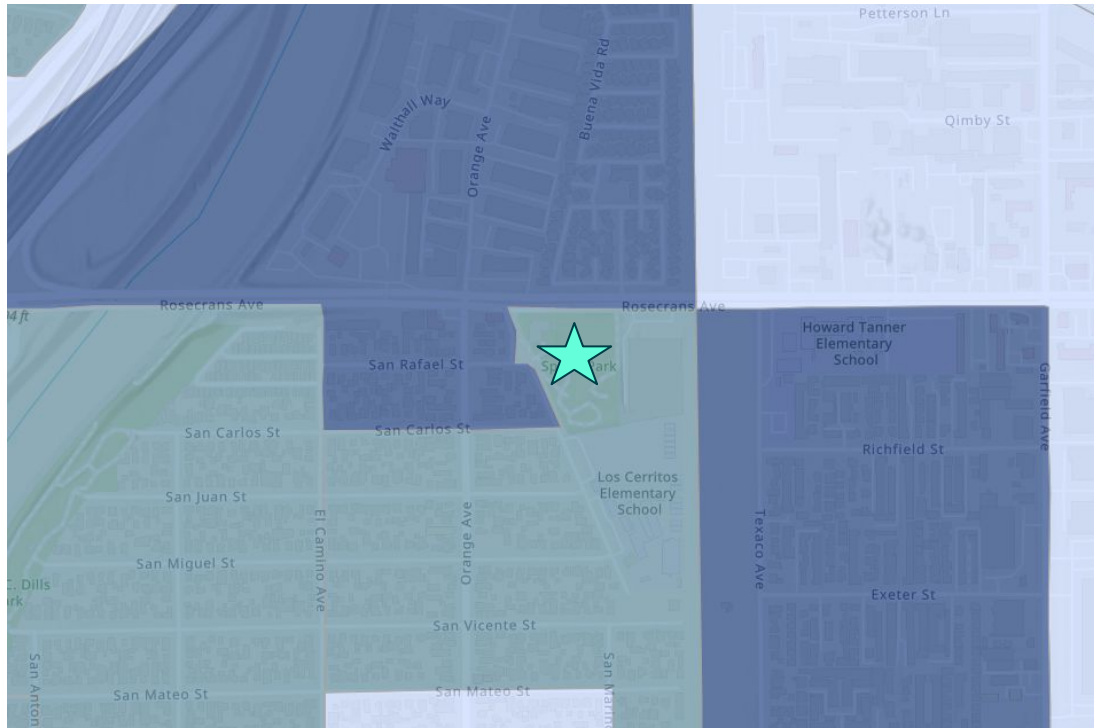




SUMMARY OF PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION

Lead: City of Paramount

Funding Requested: \$18.9 M



- Not Disadvantaged (MHI = \$56,982 to Max)
- Disadvantaged (MHI = \$42,737 to \$56,982)
- Severely Disadvantaged (MHI < \$42,737)
- No Data or No Population

Located within 2018 DAC Census Block Group?	Yes
Does application claim DAC benefit?	Yes
CalEnviroScreen Score	97th

Provides direct disadvantaged community benefit according to SCWP guidelines

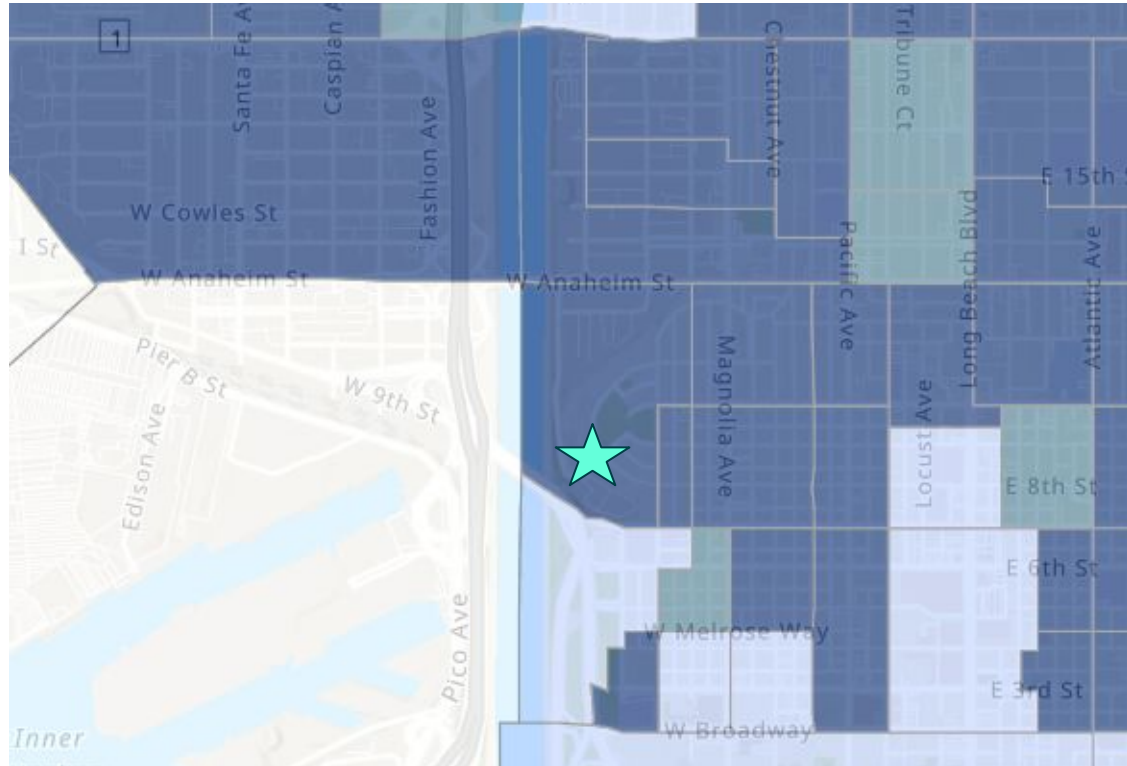


	What they have done	What they plan to do
Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 Event Flyer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Construction Info on Project website• Construction Signage• 2 Informational Meetings• 1 Fact Sheet
Better	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 Community Event• 2 Community Design Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stakeholder Meetings
Best	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implemented Community's Feedback on Design to Project• 2 CBO Letters of Support	

IP LB Must Phase 2 - DAC Summary

Lead: City of Long Beach

Funding Requested: \$10.4 M



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Does application claim DAC benefit?	Yes
CalEnviroScreen Score	98th

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	What they have done	What they plan to do
Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Comments	
Better	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ongoing Community Meetings• Ongoing Stakeholder Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ongoing Community Meetings• Ongoing Stakeholder Meetings• Implement Educational Components
Best	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 CBO Letter of Support• 3 Elected Official Letters of Support• Formal partnerships with joint implementation & management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Formal partnerships with joint implementation & management