

Central Coast Funding Area Integrated Regional Water Management Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Background

Dept. of Water Resources (DWR)

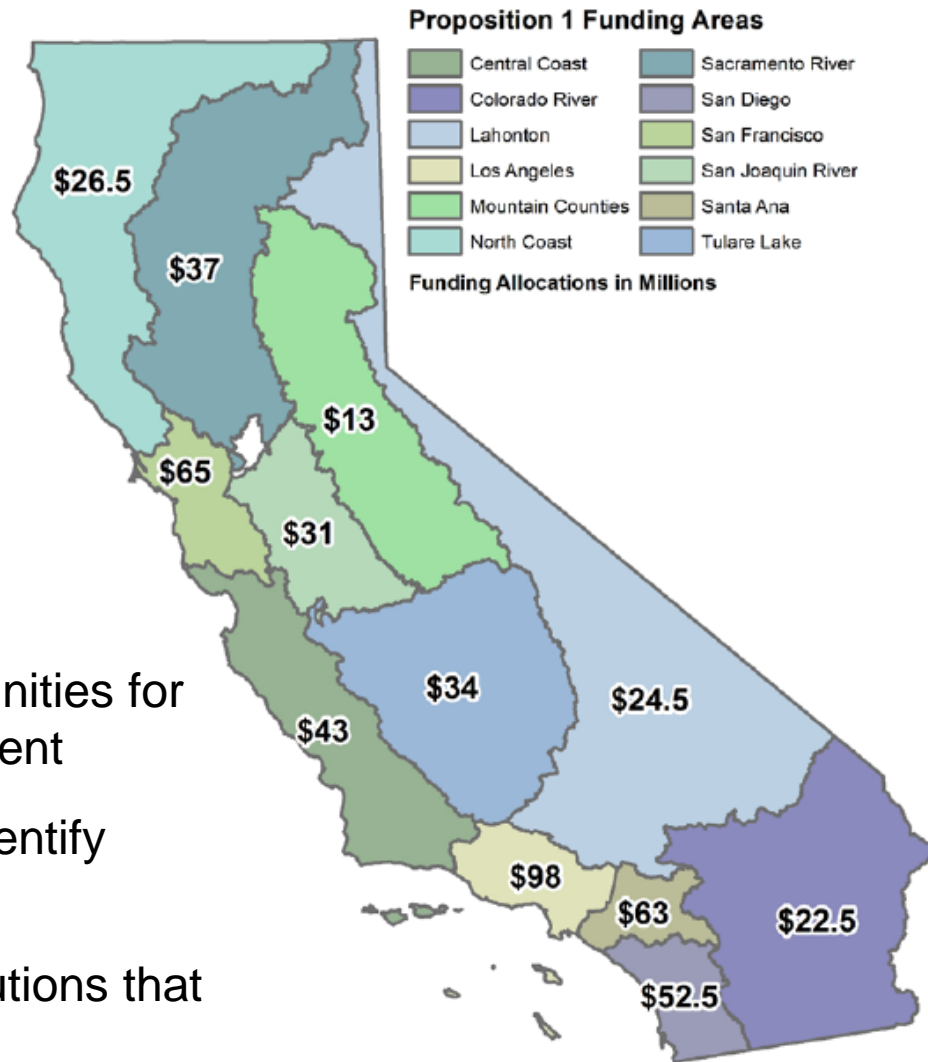
Statewide program (12 areas)

Prop 1 IRWM Funding

- 10% Involvement Program
- 10% Implementation Projects

Program Objectives

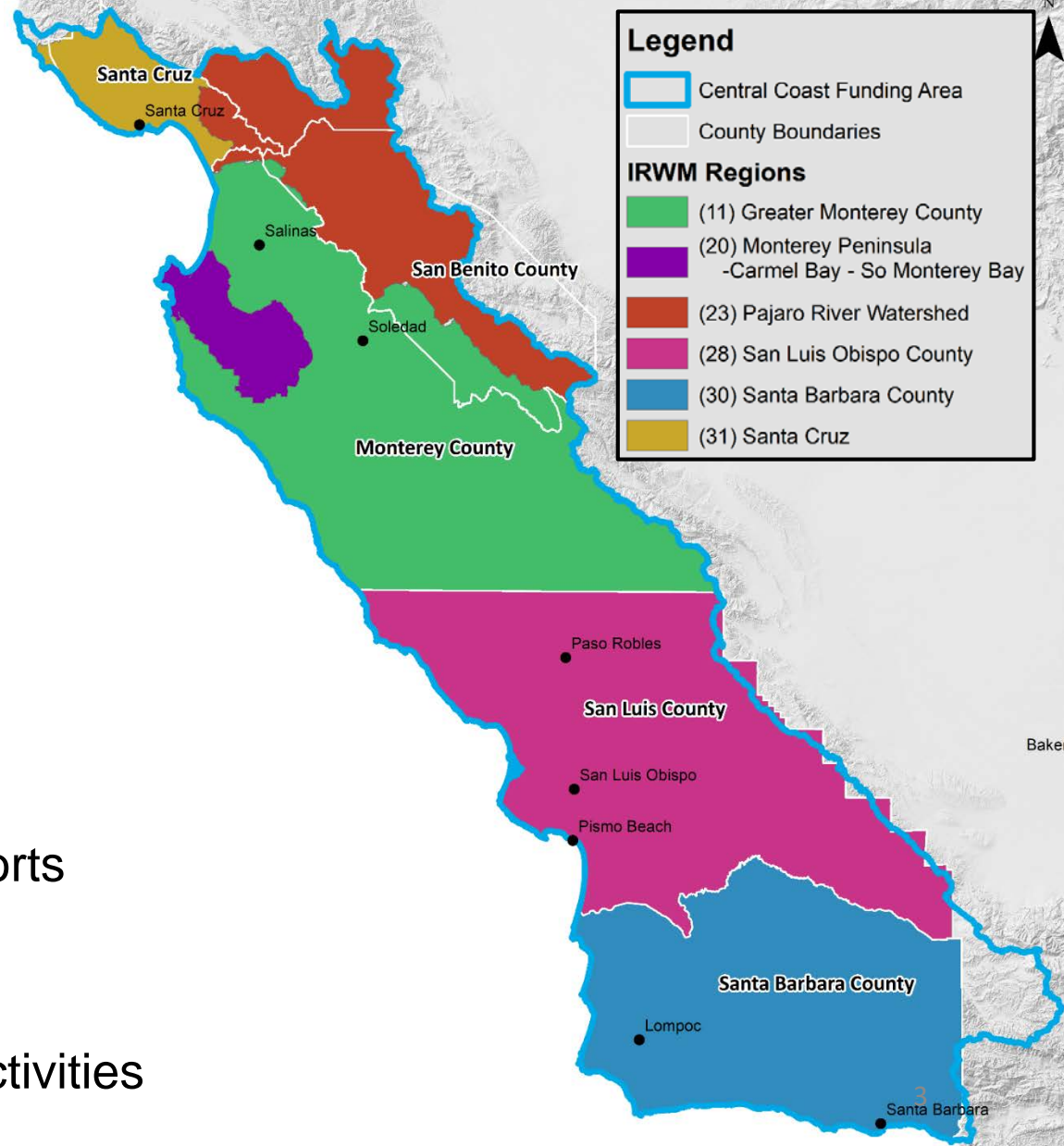
- 1) Provide balanced access and opportunities for disadvantaged communities involvement
- 2) Gain a better understanding of and identify water management needs
- 3) Develop strategies and long-term solutions that address water management needs



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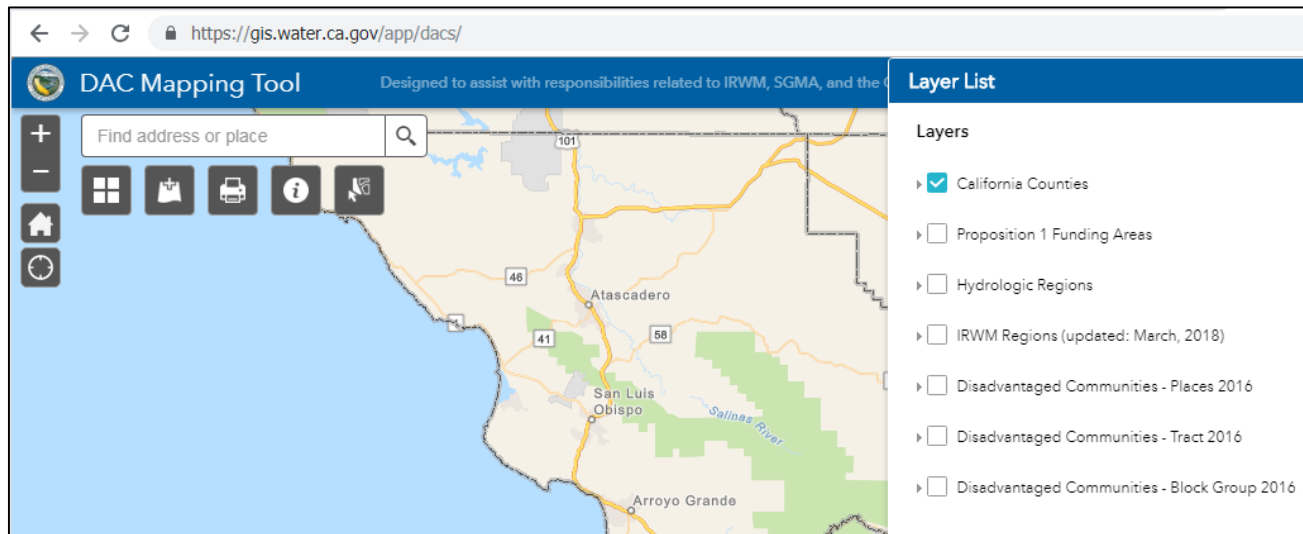
Central Coast Funding Area

- 6 IRWM regions
- 2017 joint proposal
- \$4.3M Grant
- 2018 – 2021
- Roles
- Activities
 - **Needs Assessment**
 - Educational Activities
 - Community Outreach
 - IRWM Engagement Efforts
 - Technical Assistance
 - Site Assessments
 - Project Development Activities



Community Identification

- DWR Disadvantaged Communities Mapping Tool
 - Census Place, Tract, Block Group
 - American Community Survey (ACS), Median Household Income



- Economically Distressed Areas (EDAs)
 - ACS Survey
 - Employment Development Dept.
- Underrepresented Communities

Census Tract and Block Groups



Needs Assessment



Community Characteristics – Median Household Income, population, other indicators; involvement with local IRWM governance



Drinking Water – source(s) of water; estimated number of wells; water treatment; accessibility and affordability; system issues



Wastewater – system information; insufficient system issues



Stormwater/ urban runoff/ flood management – identify issues



Water System Financing – rate structure; system financing needs



Other - drinking water, wastewater, stormwater regulatory/compliance issues

Activities within Regions

Community Outreach

- Community meetings, events, canvassing, surveys

Educational Activities

- Well testing; septic system training (Pajaro)
- Water leadership courses (Greater Monterey)

Technical Assistance

- Technical, Managerial, Financial trainings

Site Assessments

- Median household income surveys
- Drinking water and septic system assessments

IRWM Engagement

- Regional Water Management Group participation
- Regional Engagement Coordinator

Project Development

- Planning activities, pre-construction engineering and design, construction activities

Participating Agencies and Partners *(partial list)*

- 6 IRWM Regional Water Management Groups & Stakeholders
- Project Sponsors
 - Water Agencies and Districts (4)
 - Public Works and Utilities; Flood Control District (2)
 - Community Service Districts (5)
 - Municipalities (4)
 - UC Santa Barbara
- Partners
 - Rural Communities Assistance Corporation
 - Environmental Justice Coalition for Water
 - Other organizations, social service providers, consultants
- Community members
- Coordination with related statewide and regional efforts

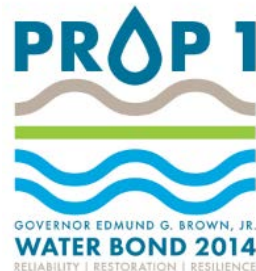


Summary and Acknowledgements

- Work is underway, at varying stages
- Recognition of challenges – known and still being identified
- Step towards a better understanding of needs
- Will inform future rounds of funding via IRWM Program and other (!)

Acknowledgements

- Central Coast IRWM Partners
- Department of Water Resources IRWM Program Staff
- Water Quality, Supply, & Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Prop 1)



Thank you

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