

The Environmental Justice Coalition For Water

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EJCW

Current Central Coast Work

- Safe Drinking Water Program
- Salinas Valley Disadvantaged Community Integrated Water and Wastewater Plan
- Cal EPA Environmental Justice Small Grant
- UCLA Pilot Project

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- Having to deal with the high cost of pollution
 - Health issues
 - Affordability
- Governance, maintenance and long-term sustainability.
- DAC classification

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- Many unaware of poor water quality and nitrate contamination
- A sense that there are no options
 - Not considered a DAC at the census tract level
 - Mixed income area yet 90% of participants self-report being either migrant and/or agricultural workers
 - Renters vs. owners
 - “When will we get clean water?”

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- UC Hastings
 - Legal entity formation as part of a long-term solution
 - Johnson Road
- Work with local health care providers to assess patients with water quality and sanitation issues.
- Lack of support from local/County government and elected officials
 - EJCW partners
 - Safe Drinking Water participants

Recommendations:

- Task force/resolution to direct Regional Board staff to address EJ issues in the Central Coast
 - Small Water Systems and Domestic Wells
 - Long-term solution planning (local/regional)
 - Low-cost/low-maintenance interim solutions
- Annual workshop to address EJ issues in the Central Coast
- *Thirsty for Justice* screening with Board Members
- Additional EJ tours
 - August 2015