

Disadvantaged Communities in the Central Coast Region
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The following list of Disadvantaged Communities¹ (DACs) in the Central Coast Region is based on the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Disadvantaged Communities Mapping Tool. The mapping tool is an interactive online map application that allows users to overlay Geographic Information Systems layers with information about DACs onto a map of California. The tool is intended to assist local agencies with their responsibilities related to the California Water Plan, Integrated Regional Water Management, and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and as an informational resource for all interested parties. The DWR DAC Mapping Tool is available at: <https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/>

Monterey County

Cities:

Boronda
Pajaro
San Ardo

Specific Census Tract or Block Group areas:

Castroville
Chualar
Del Rey Oaks
Gonzales
Greenfield
King City
Marina
McClosky Slough
Monterey City
Monterey County
Salinas
San Lucas
Sand City
Seaside
Soledad

San Benito County

Specific Census Tract or Block Group areas:

Hollister

¹ Disadvantaged Community (DAC) is defined as "a community with a median household income (MHI) less than 80% of the State-wide average. Census defined areas which have MHIs that are less than 60% of the State-wide MHI average are considered "severely DACs"; This list was developed using US Census American Community Survey (ACS) Data: 2014 – 2018; Entities applying for funding are encouraged to verify that their proposed project will benefit the specific census defined area (Census Place, Tract, or Block Group) per the latest US Census ACS data, Integrated Regional Water Management funding area information, and per the specific guidelines for the funding source in which they are applying.

San Luis Obispo County

Cities:

Grover Beach
Oceano
San Luis Obispo
San Miguel
San Simeon

Specific Census Tract or Block Group areas:

Arroyo Grande
Atascadero
Morro Bay
Paso Robles
Pismo Beach

Santa Barbara County

Cities:

Casmalia
Cuyama
Guadalupe
Lompoc

Specific Census Tract or Block Group Areas:

Buellton
Goleta
Isla Vista
Lompoc
New Cuyama
Santa Barbara
Santa Maria

Santa Clara County

Specific Census Tract or Block Group Areas:

Gilroy

Santa Cruz County

Specific Census Tract or Block Group Areas:

Amesti
Capitola
Davenport
Santa Cruz
Soquel
Twin Lakes
Watsonville