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REVIEW OF DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Tuesday, February 22, 2022
Purpose

1. Review the “Interim Disadvantaged Community Programming Guidelines.”

2. Explore the location of awarded projects and current projects under consideration in relation to disadvantaged communities.

3. Inform WASC decision-making regarding direct benefits to disadvantaged communities.

4. Inform WASC decision-making regarding community engagement and support.

Takeaway

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

“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))
CSMB Disadvantaged Community Allocation

To date, the CSMB SIPs have met and exceeded required investment in disadvantaged communities.

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<th>DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY (DAC) ALLOCATION</th>
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<td>Required DAC Ratio</td>
<td>50%</td>
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<td>Required Funding for DACs FY21-26 (110%)</td>
<td>$28,988,114</td>
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<td>Funding Allocated for DACs FY21-26</td>
<td>$31,093,162</td>
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Source: CSMB 21-22 SIP

SCW DAC Policy Reminder:

Provide Disadvantaged Community Benefits that are ≥110% of the ratio of the disadvantaged community population to the total population in the Watershed Area. (Section 18.04 [J])
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.
Hearing from community members is the best way to validate a direct benefit.

How Can you as a WASC Validate Direct Benefits?

Other Possible Considerations:

Adjacency:
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
SUMMARY OF PROJECTS FUNDED
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<th>#</th>
<th>Project</th>
<th>DAC Benefit</th>
<th>In DAC Block Group</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Beverly Hills Burton Way Green Street (IP)</td>
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<td>Culver City Mesmer Low Flow Diversion (IP)</td>
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<td>Ladera Park Stormwater Improvements (IP)</td>
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<td>MacArthur Lake Rehabilitation Project (IP)</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Monteith Park and View Park Green Alley (IP)</td>
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<td>Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project (IP)</td>
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<td>Washington Blvd Stormwater Diversion (IP)</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Ballona Creek TMDL (IP)</td>
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<td>Slauson Connect Clean Water Project (IP)</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>Edward Vincent Jr Park (TRP)</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Syd Kronenthal Park (TRP)</td>
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SUMMARY OF PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION
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 but ARE Claiming a DAC Benefit
- Projects NOT Located Within a 2018 Disadvantaged Census Block Group and NOT Claiming a DAC Benefit
Submitted 22/23 Projects
Located Within a 2018 Disadvantaged Census Block Group

**Suggested Action:** None. If implemented, expressly provide disadvantaged community benefits according to Safe, Clean Water Program Guidelines
Located within 2018 DAC Census Block Group? | Yes
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Does application claim DAC benefit? | Yes
CalEnviroScreen Score | 79th

Provides direct disadvantaged community benefit according to SCWP guidelines
Angeles Mesa Green Infrastructure Corridor Project - Parks Need

**Park Need:** Moderate - High

Source: LA County Park Needs Assessment (2016)
Submitted 22/23 Projects NOT Located Within and NOT Claiming Benefits to a Disadvantaged Census Block Group

**Suggested Action:** None. No further assessment required by WASC regarding disadvantaged community benefit.
Ladera Heights - W Centinela Ave Green Improvement - DAC Summary

Lead: LA County Public Works
Funding Requested: $500,000

No direct benefit to a disadvantaged community claimed by applicant.
Ladera Heights - W Centinela Ave Green Improvement - Parks Need

Park Need: Moderate - Very High

How Many People Need Parks?

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<th>Los Angeles County</th>
<th>Study Area</th>
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<tr>
<td>Very High</td>
<td>22%</td>
<td>1,125 (40%)</td>
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<td>High</td>
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<tr>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>28%</td>
<td>14,547 (88%)</td>
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<td>Low</td>
<td>17%</td>
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<td>Very Low</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>No Population</td>
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Source: LA County Park Needs Assessment (2016)
Submitted 22/23 Projects NOT Located Within and ARE Claiming Benefits to a 2018 Disadvantaged Census Block Group

**Suggested Action:** Up to the WASC’s discretion to validate whether these projects would provide direct benefit to disadvantaged communities if implemented.
Edward Vincent Jr. Park - DAC Summary

**Lead:** City of Inglewood  
**Funding Requested:** $4.27 M

**Disadvantaged community census block groups (2018)**

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<td>Does application claim DAC benefit?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Distance to nearest DAC (mi)</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>CalEnviroScreen Score</td>
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**DAC Benefits Described in Application:**
- Adjacent DAC block groups will benefit from enhanced park and improved public health from decreased pollution.
- Located in Inglewood, a census designated DAC
- Water quality benefits to downstream DACs

_WASC to validate direct benefit to a disadvantaged community._
Park Need: Moderate - High

Source: LA County Park Needs Assessment (2016)
**West Los Angeles College Soccer Field Basin Dry Well Project - DAC Summary**

**Lead:** Los Angeles Community College District & BuildLACCD  
**Funding Requested:** $399,967

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**DAC Benefits Described in Application:**
- West Los Angeles College serves the disadvantaged communities near its campus
- Based on LACCD records, approximately 55.2% of WLAC students received the College California College Promise Grant (CCPG), which is qualified for on the basis of income.

WASC to validate direct benefit to a disadvantaged community.

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| Located within 2018 DAC Census Block Group? | No |
| Does application claim DAC benefit? | Yes |
| Distance to nearest DAC (mi) | 1.25 |
| CalEnviroScreen Score | 48th |
West Los Angeles College Soccer Field Basin Dry Well Project - Parks Need

Park Need: Very Low

Source: LA County Park Needs Assessment (2016)
Fern Dell Restoration and Stormwater Capture Project - DAC Summary

**Lead:** Friends of Griffith Park  
**Funding Requested:** $300,000

Disadvantaged community census block groups (2018)

| Located within 2018 DAC Census Block Group? | No |
| Does application claim DAC benefit? | Yes |
| Distance to nearest DAC (mi) | 0.55 |
| CalEnviroScreen Score | 40th |

**DAC Benefits Described in Application:**
- Located within .55 miles of a DAC
- Located less than 0.5-miles of the LA Metro Red Line.
- Enhance recreation & gathering spaces at a free of charge space.

WASC to validate direct benefit to a disadvantaged community.
Fern Dell Restoration and Stormwater Capture Project - Parks Need

**Park Need:** Low

*Source: LA County Park Needs Assessment (2016)*