

California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

Safe Drinking Water for all Valley Residents

Issues and Recommendations

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# Background

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Human right to safe, affordable water is the law in CA – AB 685

The key issues have been defined in recent work in the Tulare Lake Basin Disadvantaged Community Water Study

Partners are stepping up but need a framework and other partners to provide meaningful assistance

The Partnership role needs to be clearly identified

# The Issues from TLB DAC Study\*

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Lack of funding for operations and maintenance

Lack of Technical, Managerial and Financial Capacity

Poor water quality

Inadequate or unaffordable funding constraints for improvements

Lack of informed, empowered or engaged residents

\* Which universally apply throughout the Partnership area

# Other Issues Identified During the Study

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Lack of vision and integrated planning to develop solutions

Inadequate existing infrastructure

Lack of information on DACs

A changing regulatory environment

Insufficient quantity of water

# Partners Addressing the Issue

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ACWA – formed a DAC advisory committee and held a meeting last August, can help with policy and coordination

CSU – WRPI – presented at last June's meeting, working on several DACs already, coordinating w/ OCED and CWI

DWR – IRWMs receiving area-wide grant opportunities, also presented in June

SWRCB – drinking water projects financing underway, ditto DWR and WRPI

Many NGOs involved – Self-Help, CRWA, RCAC, numerous others

# TLB Report Priority Issues That Can Be Addressed

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CWI believes there are three areas of the ten in the TLB study the Partnership can provide significant value:

1. Develop and Maintain Information on DAC Water Needs
2. Improve Technical, Managerial and Financial Capacity (TMF)
3. Improve Funding for DACs

# Recommendations

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CWI can assist with developing a data collection and data management system for identifying the DACs and their needs, who they are and what they need is the first order of business

The Partnership can assist with supplemental financial support by seeking a philanthropic partner that can manage donations or environmental settlement funds directly targeted to Valley DACs

The Partnership can assist with TMF by facilitating training of technicians and managers starting with the CTE programs at CCCs on through the Universities, as needed

The Partnership can support grant applications from NGO partners that assist with DAC water needs

# Next Steps

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1. Convene a sub-work group to finalize the issues and strategies the Partnership can accomplish, some volunteers identified themselves at the June meeting
  2. Develop an implementation plan and analyze if there are any costs and sources of financing to cover the needed work
  3. Share plans with major policy and implementation partners for coordination, including but not limited to; ACWA, CA DWR, SWRCB, CSU-WRPI, Valley NGOs, etc.
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1. Go!