

ATTACHMENT 10 – DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY INFORMATION

**San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed
IRWM Implementation Grant, Step 1**

Although the Region is not requesting a waiver or reduction of funding match for this implementation proposal, a number of cities and communities within the Region would fall under the category of a disadvantaged community. The State of California defines a disadvantaged community as a community with an annual Median Household Income (MHI) that is less than 80% of the Statewide MHI. Using U.S. Census 2000 data, 80% of the statewide annual MHI is \$37,994.

There are 68 cities and unincorporated communities within the Region. Of these 68 cities and communities, 17 would qualify as disadvantaged communities. This represents 25% of the cities and communities within the Region. Table 10-1 shown below details the MHI for each of these cities and communities based on U.S. Census 2000 data. An asterisk (*) next to each name in the table denotes an unincorporated County community.

Table 10-1 – MHI for Disadvantaged Communities within the Region

City / Community	MHI (\$)
Bell	\$29,946
Bell Gardens	\$30,597
Commerce	\$34,040
Compton	\$31,819
Cudahy	\$29,040
East Compton*	\$31,398
East Los Angeles*	\$28,544
El Monte	\$32,439
Hawaiian Gardens	\$34,500
Huntington Park	\$28,941
Long Beach	\$37,270
Lynwood	\$35,888
Maywood	\$30,480
Paramount	\$36,749
Rosemead	\$36,181
South El Monte	\$34,656
South Gate	\$35,695
Walnut Park*	\$35,837

The figure located at the end of this attachment illustrates the location of these cities and communities within the Region.

Based on 2000 U.S. Census data, the total population of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed Region is estimated at 4,057,000. Of this figure, approximately 1,610,000, or 40% of the region's population, live within a disadvantaged community.

The City of El Monte and the City of Long Beach, listed in Table 10-1 above, are active members of the Regional Water Management Group for the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed. Each of these cities is a project lead for a component of this implementation proposal. Another active participant of the Regional Group, Amigos de los Rios is a non-profit organization that seeks to promote environmental health and stewardship for disadvantaged communities within the Region. Amigos de los Rios is involved in several multi-objective projects within the Region that have a direct correlation to IRWMP criteria while addressing the needs for disadvantaged communities within the San Gabriel Valley. Included as Att10_IG1_DACInfo_2of4, Att10_IG1_DACInfo_3of4, and Att10_IG1_DACInfo_4of4 to this implementation proposal are letters of support from Amigos de los Rios, City of El Monte, and City of Long Beach.

Several components of this implementation proposal will have a direct benefit to the disadvantaged communities listed above. Some of these component projects are discussed below:

- El Dorado Park Lakes Water Usage and Wetlands Restoration

This project will benefit the City of Long Beach, a disadvantaged community, through the enhancement of a nature center and park. The project will reduce the long-term water costs to the park and nature center while expanding the facilities' educational and environmental potential. The project will also be utilized by residents of neighboring cities and communities, including Artesia, Bellflower, Cypress, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, La Palma, and Los Alamitos. As a whole, these cities and communities represent a mix of disadvantaged and lower middle income populations.

- Full Capture Trash Removal Devices

This project will have a direct benefit to three disadvantaged cities and communities: City of Compton and the unincorporated communities of East Compton and Rancho Dominguez. By capturing the trash within the storm drains before discharging the water to Compton Creek, this project will improve the aesthetics of the creek for the surrounding communities as well as address environmental and public health concerns.

- Large Landscape Conservation / Runoff Reduction Management and Educational Program

Several cities in the San Gabriel Valley located within the Central Basin are categorized as disadvantaged. These include the Cities of Bell, Bell Gardens, Commerce, Compton, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Lynwood, Maywood, Paramount, and South Gate and the unincorporated communities of East Compton, East Los Angeles, and Walnut Park. This project will benefit these cities and communities by providing irrigation controllers, rebates for these controllers, and educational resources to reduce the amount of polluted dry-weather runoff and the need for imported water supplies.

- Peck Water Conservation Park

This project has a direct benefit to the City of El Monte, which is identified as a disadvantaged community. The project will have a major impact on this park-poor area by enhancing open space and recreational resources for the community while restoring native habitat within the park. Components of the project will educate park users on water-efficient landscaping, which will have a dramatic impact on public behavior throughout the Region.

- Other Projects Providing Indirect Benefits

In addition to the projects listed above, several other components of this proposal have an indirect benefit to a number of disadvantaged communities within the region by allowing for increased groundwater recharge that would reduce our region's reliance on imported water supplies. This, in turn, would have an impact on the cost of water for the disadvantaged communities that are served by these integrated large-scale projects. These projects include:

- Morris Dam Water Supply Enhancement Project
- Southeast Water Reliability Project, Phase I Water Recycling
- Whittier Narrows Conservation Pool
- Whittier Narrows Water Reclamation Plant UV Disinfection Facilities