

# Kings Basin Disadvantaged Communities Pilot Study

*Seeking to develop shared solutions to disadvantaged communities' water needs*

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## **Project Background**

The Upper Kings Basin IRWM Authority (Kings Basin Water Authority) is a group of local agencies and organizations that have been working over the past several years to create a coalition of water agencies, cities, counties, environmental interests, and stakeholders in the Kings River Basin to address the most pressing regional water issues -- namely groundwater overdraft, supply reliability and quality.

This group has received a \$500,000 grant from the State of California Department of Water Resources for a pilot project focused on the water, wastewater and storm water related problems of Disadvantaged Communities, (DACs) within the Kings Basin IRWM plan area.

## **What are the goals of this project?**

The project's goals are to facilitate partnerships between local DACs and various stakeholders to develop joint project ideas, identify regional water projects that provide safe, reliable and affordable water and wastewater services, and to address other DAC community water needs.

## **How will the project accomplish its goals?**

A series of meetings will be held within five sub-regions in the Kings Basin IRWM plan area to identify common goals, evaluate joint administration options and support other potential regional water and wastewater management projects or structures to address community water needs.

## **What are the Study Area Sub-Regions?**

The five sub region study areas include: **1.** Northern Tulare County; **2.** City of Fresno/Clovis and surrounding areas; **3.** Western Fresno County; **4.** Eastern Fresno County; and **5.** Northern Kings County (map is included below).

## **Who should participate?**

Any local drinking water or wastewater board member or resident of a disadvantaged community who lives within the Kings Basin IRWM plan area, as well as anyone affiliated with a non-profit, academic, or community-based organization that is currently involved in water issues in the region.

## **What is the project timeline?**

There will be four sub-regional planning meetings in each designated area between May 2012 and June 2013.

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