



# Kings Basin Water Authority Stakeholder Challenges Inventory

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No.	Specific Challenge	Proposed Solutions	Source Jurisdiction(s) <i>(Legislature, CDWR, KBWA, Other?)</i>	Funding Opportunities <i>(Existing and Future Funding Opportunities)</i>	Local/Discrete Impact <i>(Moderate, Significant, Severe)</i>	IRWMP Region Impact <i>(Moderate, Significant, Severe)</i>	Resolution Timing <i>(Convenient, Timely, Urgent, Immediate)</i>
1	Meeting Technical and Financial Requirements: Application Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create an Online Portal/Library of example documents and applications</li> <li>• Bring in reps from CDPH, DWR, PG&amp;E, DOC, etc. to share issues &amp; solicit input</li> <li>• Application could include budget line item for technical assistance</li> <li>• Fund a “Regional DAC Coordinator” (similar to Watershed Coord.)</li> <li>• Establish a standing sub-regional DAC committee to address current needs on an ongoing and as needed basis (DAC Pilot Study approach)</li> <li>• Begin internal project development processes earlier, hold more regular workshops for sharing of information and development support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislature &amp; CDWR hold statutory and policy authority over the scope of grant applications, and over future funding allocations for technical assistance.</li> <li>• KBWA holds authority to improve certain aspects of the local process.</li> </ul>	<p>DWR has two funds of 150K each. FACILITATION SUPPORT SERVICES AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT CONTRACT SERVICES. IRWMPs need to apply for Facilitation Service. IRWMP can work through regional coordinator to apply. <a href="http://water.ca.gov/irwm/coordination">http://water.ca.gov/irwm/coordination</a></p> <p>Most “bringing together” services can be funded with FACILITATION SERVICES currently available from DWR. More detailed analysis needs to be done with Tech funding.</p> <p>For workshops, Fresno Regional Foundation, DWR and/or local Rotary.</p>	<b>Severe</b>	<b>Significant</b>	<b>Urgent</b>
2	Meeting Technical and Financial Requirements: Preliminary Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create an Online Portal/Library of example documents and applications</li> <li>• Bring in reps from CDPH, DWR, PG&amp;E, DOC, etc. to share issues &amp; solicit input</li> <li>• Application could include budget line item for technical assistance</li> <li>• Fund a “Regional DAC Coordinator” (similar to Watershed Coord.)</li> <li>• Establish a standing sub-regional DAC committee to address current needs on an ongoing and as needed basis (DAC Pilot Study approach)</li> <li>• Begin internal project development processes earlier, hold more regular workshops for sharing of information and development support</li> <li>• May be engineers willing to volunteer for “a day” to assist with pre-engineering work; if so, call on their expertise.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislature &amp; CDWR hold statutory and policy authority over future funding allocations for technical assistance.</li> <li>• KBWA holds authority to improve certain aspects of the local planning process.</li> </ul>	<p>Existing outreach grants, e.g. Kings Basin DAC Pilot.</p> <p>State Board Funding (?)</p> <p>Rotary Clubs, Fresno Regional Foundation, etc.</p> <p>Preliminary engineering needs to be funded via Tech. assistance funding.</p> <p>Retired engineers/professionals proposal to the Governor’s stakeholder group. (?)</p>	<b>Severe</b>	<b>Significant</b>	<b>Urgent</b>

3	Need for Outreach/Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fund a “Regional DAC Coordinator” (similar to Watershed Coordinator)</li> <li>• Establish a standing sub-regional DAC committee to address current needs on an ongoing and as needed basis (DAC Pilot Study approach)</li> <li>• Set up a monthly email newsletter to send to DAC communities identified through DAC Pilot Project Study to continuously inform of meetings, website, trainings, funding opportunities, other resources and encourage participation.</li> <li>• Engagement- make phone calls, send special and encouraging invitations to DACs for events that would be of particular interest/benefit to them.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislature &amp; CDWR hold statutory and policy authority over future funding allocations for outreach assistance.</li> <li>• KBWA holds authority to improve certain aspects of local outreach and planning processes</li> <li>• Would require additional/set aside funds to maintain a newsletter and additional communication efforts. Possibly could get worked into budget for Regional DAC Coordinator.</li> </ul>	Rotary Clubs, Fresno Regional Foundation, etc.	Moderate	Moderate	Timely
4	Need for Marketing and Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create an Online Portal with educational materials, presentations, graphics, etc.</li> <li>• Highlight educational opportunities in monthly newsletter.</li> <li>• Fund a “Regional DAC Coordinator” (similar to Watershed Coordinator)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KBWA holds authority to improve certain aspects of local outreach and planning processes</li> </ul>	Kings Basin DAC Pilot can fund the development/translation of some educational materials on IRWMPs.  Rotary Clubs, Fresno Regional Foundation, etc.	Moderate	Moderate	Immediate
5	Resource Needs of Counties and Other Local Government to Provide Necessary Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding could come directly to the IRWMPs (or Counties) to address the need</li> <li>• Create a Non-Profit to solicit private funds from large companies wishing to sponsor DAC participation &amp; planning efforts</li> <li>• Establish regular communication with Counties on this topic. Possibly another DAC Coordinator task</li> <li>• Establish mechanism with which DAC’s know of and have access to large companies; establish mechanism where large companies can know how to connect with DACs in need (examples include Fresno Regional Foundation and DonorsChoose.org)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local government agencies such as counties have some degree of control over conducting Prop 218 elections and allocation of staff resources</li> <li>• Legislature &amp; CDWR hold statutory and policy authority over new sources of funding</li> </ul>	Rotary Clubs, Fresno Regional Foundation, etc.  CDPH Pre-Planning and Legal Entity Formation Assistance Grant only if done to consolidate water systems.  Some of this might be fundable with DWR tech assistance fund.	Severe	Significant	Urgent

6	Meeting Up Front Project Implementation Costs and Reimbursement Delays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wiring of funding, bridge loans, expedite reimbursements at least within a similar time frame as CDPH/SWRCB, and ideally within a time frame similar to USDA.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CDWR policy</li> </ul>	DWR developed policy to turn around reimbursement within four weeks. Need to check in w. regional coordinator.	Major	Major	Urgent
7	Excessive Complexity and Scrutiny of Invoices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request that DWR bring their expectations down to a more reasonable level similar to what is allowed by other state and federal agencies.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CDWR policy</li> </ul>		Major	Major	Urgent
8	Impaired Access to Governance Decision-Making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work on flexibility of JPA dues</li> <li>Multiple DACs partner to cover cost of one or a few public agency DACs to sit on the Board and represent joint interests</li> <li>Request the Board create a sub-committee to provide direction on ways DACs can have positions on the Board</li> <li>Create a Non-Profit to solicit private funds from large companies wishing to sponsor DACs participation and planning efforts</li> <li>Establish mechanism with which DAC's know of and have access to large companies; establish mechanism where large companies can know how to connect with DACs in need (examples include Fresno Regional Foundation and DonorsChoose.org)</li> <li>Fund a "Regional DAC Coordinator" (similar to Watershed Coordinator)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CDWR policy</li> <li>California Joint Powers Act</li> <li>KBWA policy</li> </ul>	<p>Kings Basin DAC Pilot can kick off efforts to seek interest in establishing consolidated DAC representation. Afterwards, DWR's facilitation services and or T/A funds can support actual implementation.</p> <p>Rotary Clubs, Fresno Regional Foundation, etc.</p>	Moderate	Moderate	Immediate
9	Lack of Voluntary Access to DACs and Other Organizations Located in "White Areas"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage overlying agencies and other interested organizations</li> <li>Work through the Tulare Hydro Region Coordinated IRWM Group to develop an approach</li> <li>If available, pursue DWR Facilitation Services funding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CDWR policy</li> <li>KBWA/regional IRWMGs policy</li> </ul>	Both DWR tech and facilitation funds.	Major	Moderate	Immediate
10	Simple MHI Definition of DAC Excludes Consideration of Other Important Disadvantages (e.g. rural location and access)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage in conversations with DWR and legislators to inform them of the challenge, and solicit possible solutions</li> <li>Refer to UK DAC Pilot Project Study Report for guidance on defining DACs and their water-related needs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legislature has authority to redefine DAC within the California Water Code</li> </ul>		Moderate	Moderate	Timely