

Central Coast Funding Area

The Central Coast Funding Area covers much of the coast between the Bay Area and Los Angeles. It includes the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) regions of Santa Cruz County, Monterey Peninsula-Carmel Bay- So. Monterey Bay, Pajaro River Watershed, Greater Monterey County, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and a portion of Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County.

Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program

The Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program in the Central Coast Funding Area is being coordinated by the Regional Water Management Foundation.

Grantee: **Regional Water Management Foundation**

Grant Award: **\$4,300,000**

Needs Assessment: In Progress

Start: February 2018

Integrated Regional Water Management Regions *

Santa Cruz

The Santa Cruz region is governed by a Regional Water Management Group (RWMG), consisting of public agencies with resource management responsibilities, which works with Stakeholders. The Steering Committee is a part of the RWMG and includes 3 RWMG member representatives as well as representatives from four functional areas: water supply, water quality, watershed resources, and flood and stormwater management. The Regional Water Management Foundation is a nonprofit organization which serves the administrative role of the RWMG. The Amah Mutsun Tribal Band is listed as a stakeholder included in stakeholder communications, according to the 2014 and 2019 Plan Updates.

Monterey Peninsula, Carmel Bay, So. Monterey

Information not available at this time.

Pajaro River Watershed

The Regional Water Management Group of the Pajaro River Watershed ensures stakeholder engagement through the Stakeholder Steering Committee. The Amah Mutsun Tribal Band is identified as a stakeholder in the Pajaro River Watershed and is identified as having a representative on the Stakeholder Steering Committee in the 2019 Plan Update.



Greater Monterey County

The Greater Monterey County recognizes that there are sites of cultural significance in their region, even if there are no designated Tribal lands. According to the 2018 Plan Update, the Regional Water Management Group is working to include representatives of the Ohlone/Costanoan, Esselen, and Salinan Nation Tribes in the project review process to ensure that projects implemented as part of the IRWM Plan do not impact Native American archeological or cultural resources.

San Luis Obispo

The region is governed by the San Luis Obispo County Regional Water Management Group (RWMG), with the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District as the Lead Agency for IRWM Plan development and implementation. The Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) is a 37-member body which is appointed by the District's Board of Supervisors to advise the Board on water resource policies and programs in the Region. The WRAC is a forum for stakeholder input and support for IRWM plan and project development. Another role named in the 2019 Plan Update is Implementation Affiliates, who adopt the IRWM plan, therefore becoming eligible to submit projects as part of the plan, but do not participate in the RWMG. Interested Stakeholders are involved in planning efforts and can provide input without needing to be eligible to directly receive IRWM funds. The 2019 plan update includes a Tribal History section, naming the Salinan Tribe of Monterey and San Luis Obispo and the Northern Chumash Tribe of San Luis Obispo. Tribes in the area were contacted to inform them of IRWM planning activities and invite participation.

Santa Barbara County

The Regional Water Management Group for Santa Barbara County IRWM is known as the Cooperating Partners. Cooperating Partners must sign the region's Memorandum of Understanding. An IRWM Plan Update was completed in 2019. The Chumash Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation are included as a Cooperating Partner.

Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County

The region's governing body is the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County. It includes six committees – general membership, the steering committee, the Disadvantaged Community sub-committee, and three watershed committees (Calleguas Creek, Lower Santa Clara River, Ventura River). Individual members of various bands of the Chumash Tribe and Wishtoyo Foundation are identified as stakeholders with some level of participation. Local Tribal contacts from the Chumas, Barbareno, and Venturenos Tribes (provided by the NAHC) have been included in outreach throughout the IRWM process.

** Information on each Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) region was gathered from publicly available information from the region's website or IRWM plan. This information may not reflect the most recent or accurate understanding of Tribal engagement in the region. Please contact the IRWM region for additional information.*



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