The Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority and the Local Government Commission are sponsoring a statewide summit, with support from the Department of Water Resources, to share strategies for engaging marginalized communities in water planning as learned through local implementation of the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Disadvantaged Communities and Tribal Involvement (DACTI) Program.

Over three half-day sessions, community leaders and IRWM practitioners will share lessons learned from 10+ years of engaging overburdened communities in regional water management, and participants will strategize how to apply these approaches within their regions and across other statewide water management efforts. Each day will address a new topic and include expert panels and interactive small group discussions to help participants coordinate and collaborate in real-time.

**OCTOBER 8, 13, AND 14**

8:30 am - 1:00 pm

All portions of the Summit will be held online
Day One of the Summit will lay a foundation for the event, highlighting needs uncovered while engaging marginalized groups in Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM). State leaders will open the day with reflections on IRWM and its connection to the Governor’s Water Resilience Portfolio. Department of Water Resources staff, IRWM practitioners, tribal representatives, and community leaders will then highlight the strengths and challenges of the DACTI program, and offer their perspectives on priorities for the future of community engagement.

**SETTING THE STAGE**

**Thursday, October 8**

**8:30 am - 1:00 pm**

**MORNING NETWORKING & TECH CHECK**

**9:00 - 9:25 am**

**SUMMIT WELCOME**

_**Rich Haller**, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority
_**Wade Crowfoot**, California Natural Resources Agency

**OPENING PLENARY**

_**Laurel Firestone**, State Water Board

**BREAK**

**10:00 - 10:45 am**

**PANEL: LESSONS LEARNED FROM 10+ YEARS OF IRWM ENGAGEMENT**

_**Jennifer Hazard**, Rural Community Assistance Corporation
_**Holly Alpert**, Inyo-Mono IRWM Program
_**Javier Silva**, California Indian Environmental Alliance

**BREAK**

**10:45 - 11:00 am**

**PANEL: THE FUTURE OF IRWM - ENGAGING MARGINALIZED AND TRIBAL COMMUNITIES**

_**Carmel Brown** and **Anecita Augustinez**, Department of Water Resources
_**Lynn Rodriguez**, IRWM Roundtable of Regions
_**Martha Camacho-Rodriguez**, Social Eco Education-Los Angeles

**BREAK**

**11:00 - 11:50 am**

**SMALL GROUP STRATEGIZING**

Cross-regional dialogue on priorities for Disadvantaged Community and Tribal Involvement
On the Summit’s second day, participants will explore strategies to identify and address local needs. Technical assistance providers and regional leaders will share new approaches for evaluating needs, how to move from assessment to project implementation, and what to do in times of crisis, such as during the COVID-19 pandemic, to re-assess local priorities. Day Two will also include time for regional discussions on how to apply new approaches locally, and conclude with a panel of community and tribal leaders to offer a forward-looking discussion on what engagement of marginalized communities will look like in the future.

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**DAY TWO**

**STRATEGIES FOR ENGAGING UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES**

*Tuesday, October 13*

**8:30 am - 1:00 pm**

**MORNING NETWORKING & TECH CHECK**

8:30 - 9:00 am

**UNDERSTANDING LOCALIZED NEEDS**

9:00 - 9:25 am

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

Community Partnerships - From Outreach to Implementation

- **Session A:** Models of Outreach & Engagement
- **Session B:** Moving from Needs Assessment to Implementation
- **Session C:** Post-Implementation & Reassessing in a Time of Crisis

9:25 - 10:30 am

**BREAK**

10:30 - 10:50 am

**ADDRESSING NEEDS IN YOUR REGION**

Learning Tools and Resources

10:50 - 11:50 am

**BREAK**

11:50 am - 12:05 pm

**COMMUNITY AND TRIBAL LEADER PANEL**

How do we improve engagement?

*Chairman Valentin Lopez,* Amah Mutsun Tribal Band

Additional speaker announcements coming soon.
The final day of the Summit will translate IRWM engagement efforts to other state programs, and strategize how we can collectively advance marginalized community and tribal engagement within other water planning efforts. After a brief overview of each program, participants will choose one of multiple optional concurrent sessions. Participants will then have time for smaller group reflection, before coming back together to hear from our Summit Discussant Panel, a group of tribal and local leaders, on how integrated thinking can transform communities and help us begin to grapple with overcoming injustice.

**WHAT'S NEXT? ENGAGING BEYOND THE IRWM PROGRAM**

**Wednesday, October 14**

**8:30 am - 1:00 pm**

**MORNING NETWORKING & TECH CHECK**

**LOOKING AHEAD**
Engaging Beyond Integrated Regional Water Management

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
Advancing Marginalized Community Engagement in State Programs

- **Session A:** Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
- **Session B:** Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience
- **Session C:** Stormwater & Homelessness
- **Session D:** Water Resilience Portfolio

**BREAK**

**BREAKOUT GROUPS**
Translating Collaborative Planning

**BREAK**

**DISCUSSANT PANEL**
Reflecting on What We’ve Heard and Where We’re Going

*Regina Houchin*, Ag Center Accounting

*Sherri Norris*, California Indian Environmental Alliance

Additional speaker announcements coming soon.

**SUMMIT WRAP UP**

**12:30 - 1:00 pm**