

**QUICK FACTS
ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
CENTRAL BASIN REGIONAL DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES INCENTIVE PROGRAM**



A new and important program is being developed in order to benefit our community. A first of its kind anywhere in the State, the Regional Disadvantaged Communities Incentive Program (“RDCIP”) was specifically created for the benefit of the Central Basin’s disadvantaged communities. This new program allocates water storage rights to those communities that need it most and that otherwise may not have the resources to access it.

In 2013, a court issued a judgment granting more flexibility and localized management of the Central Groundwater Basin. This new plan allows for the purchase, storage and use of water when it makes the most economic sense and will divide over 330,000 acre-feet of groundwater storage capacity in the Central Basin.

An important component of this judgment is the RDCIP that allocates 23,000 acre-feet of storage from the Community Storage Pool for the use or benefit of disadvantaged communities. While the judgment does provide guidance and a purpose for the program, it leaves it to the region’s stakeholders to decide how best to set up and implement the program.

All stakeholders and interested parties are encouraged to provide input into the development of the program.

Facts from the Judgment:

- 23,000 acre-feet of storage will be made available to cities for the benefit of disadvantaged communities within the Central Basin;
- A disadvantaged community - means an area served by a water purveyor with one or more contiguous census tracts based on the most recent U.S. Census data and with a median household income less than 80% of the median household income in the State of California;
- The RDCIP must be developed within a 90 day timeframe (October 27, 2014 completion date). The Water Rights Panel will present the final RDCIP to the Court for approval on or before December 23, 2014;
- The Water Rights Panel will administer, through the General Manager of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California, the RDCIP and insure that the program benefits regional disadvantaged communities.
- The status of the program will be included as part of the annual report to the Court.

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