



Training Event Summary

Event: Upper Santa Clara River Workshop 2 – Community Partnerships

Intended Audience	Public agencies, elected offices	Date and Time	2023.01.19 10am - 12pm
Producer / Facilitator	TreePeople	Event Format	Virtual
IRWM Region	Upper Santa Clara River	Number of Participants	40

Event Summary:

Building on the first workshop's introduction to integrated watershed management and systems thinking approach, this session focused on partnerships and resources to help restore the Santa Clara River.

Guest speakers included Shawn Kelly, Executive Director of the Santa Clara River Conservancy, Sam Jenniches, Project Specialist with the CA State Coastal Conservancy, and Amanda Begley and Peter Massey, Watershed Coordinators with LA County's Safe, Clean Water Program.

Link for Additional Information:

<https://www.watershedhealth.org/watertalks-workshop-2>

**WATER
talks**

Community- Engaged Stormwater Planning

Upper Santa Clara River
[Jan 19, 2023]



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Integrated Regional Water Management

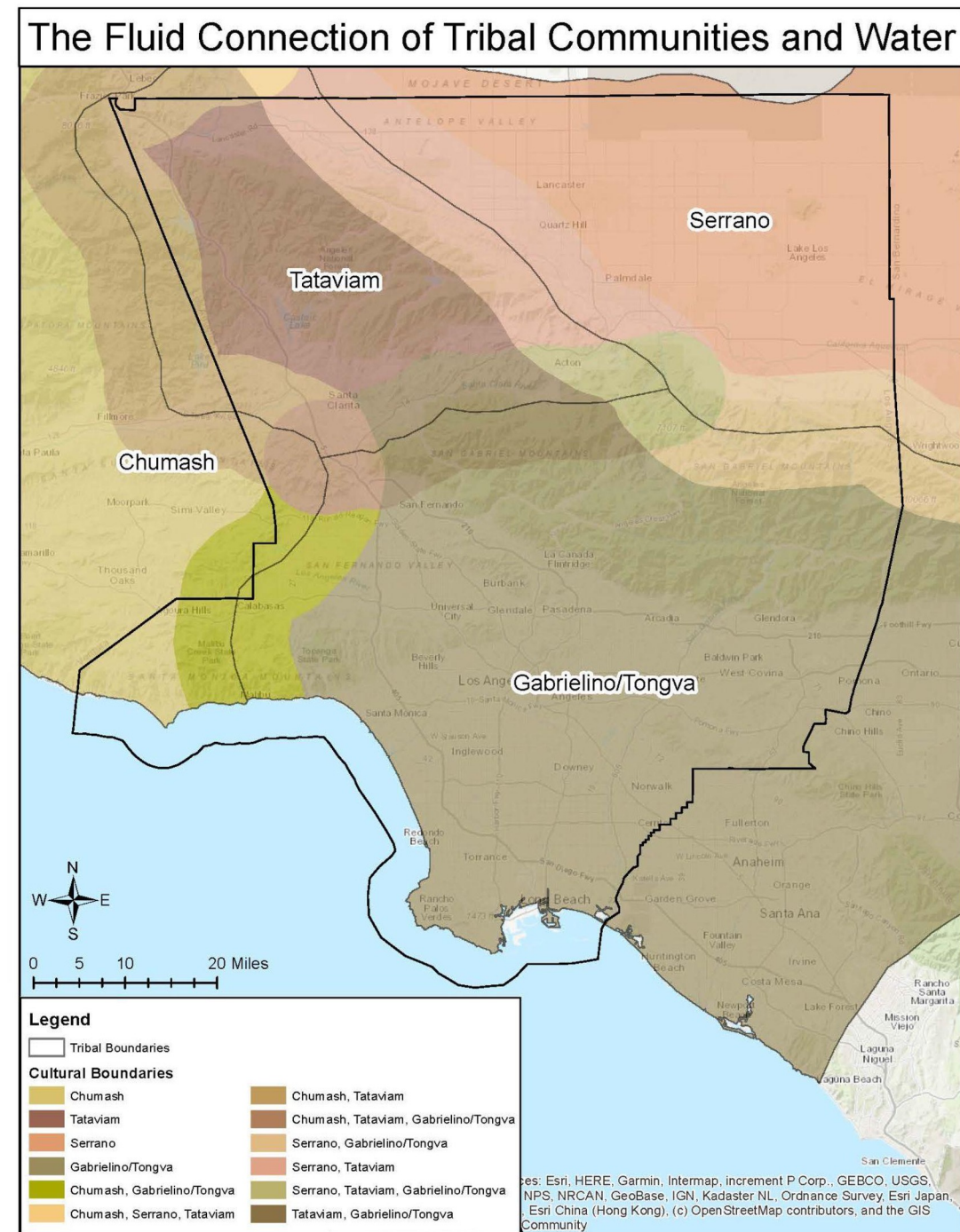


Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that the land in the Greater LA Region's watershed are unceded ancestral homelands of many tribal communities including the Serrano, Gabrielino Tongva, Ventureño Chumash, Gabrielino Kizh, and Fernandeano Tataviam Nations.

We gratefully acknowledge the Native Peoples on whose homelands we live and who are the ancestral stewards of the land and water. We make this acknowledgement out of respect for their long-standing connection to and protection of this area's watershed.

The Lower LA River and Lower San Gabriel River IRWM region is the unceded ancestral homelands of the Gabrielino Tongva and Gabrielino Kizh Nations. We urge you to learn more about how to engage with tribal communities in your water work by attending the Water Training: Allyship with Tribal Communities Workshop. You can scan this QR code with your phone to register today. Link can also be found in the chat!



WaterTalks for Electeds & Agencies

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Workshop: Integrated Watershed Management

July

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Workshop: Community Engaged Planning

January

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Workshop: Water Training: Allyship with Tribal Communities

Ongoing

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Site Visit: Community Water Tours

April



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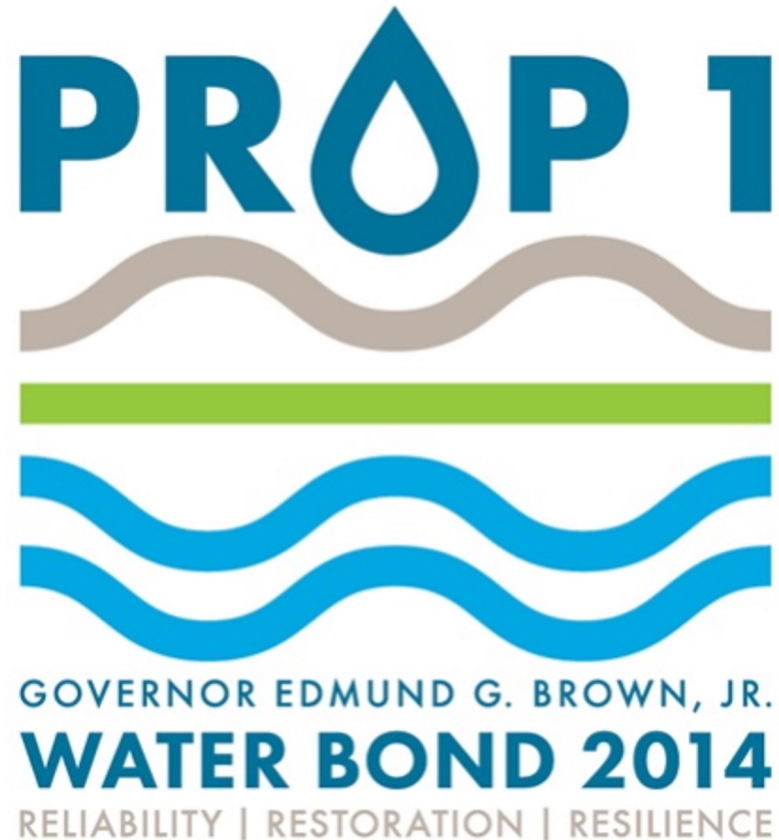




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WaterTalks and IRWM's Standards for Community Engagement

Integrated Regional Water Program (IRWP)



The WaterTalks Model





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The Safe Clean Water Program and Community Engagement

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Safe Clean Water Program



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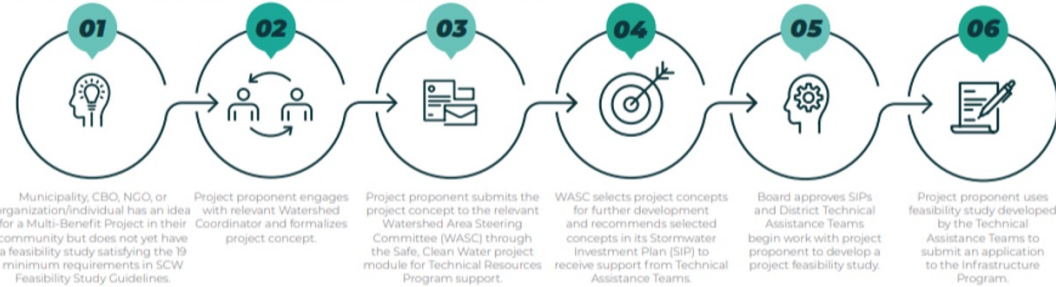
Technical Resources Program (TRP)



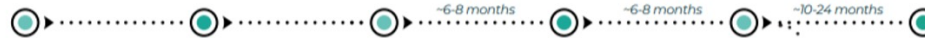
Getting Help with Your Stormwater Idea

Using the Technical Resources Program to Receive Support from the Safe, Clean Water Program.

The **Safe, Clean Water Program** provides local, dedicated funding to increase our local water supply, improve water quality, and invest in communities.



Anticipated Total Time Elapsed: 26 - 40 Months



If project is deemed infeasible or does not meet Safe, Clean Water Program requirements for Infrastructure Program funding, project proponent should not apply for Infrastructure Program funding.

QA What role does the Watershed Coordinator play?

Watershed Coordinators educate, build capacity in communities, and facilitate community and stakeholder engagement within the Safe, Clean Water Program. Each Watershed Area will typically have at least one Watershed Coordinator (number of positions is dependent on revenue and population for each Watershed Area).

QA What kinds of projects are being developed?

Projects that provide Water Supply, Water Quality and Community Investment Benefits are eligible for Safe, Clean Water Program funding. Multi-Benefit Projects that prioritize Nature-Based Solutions and provide Disadvantaged Community Benefits are highly encouraged.

QA What role do WASCs play?

Nine WASCs, made up of representatives from cities, agencies, and community stakeholders, review proposed projects and develop annual SIPs that identify recommendations for funding under the three regional subprograms – the Infrastructure, Technical Resources, and Scientific Studies Programs.

QA How can my idea become a project?

Technical Resources Program support is available to help develop feasibility studies from project concepts. Infrastructure Program funding is available for the design, construction, and/or operations and maintenance costs of projects that already have a completed feasibility study.

SCWP 2022 Interim Guidance

SCW Program 2022 Interim Guidance
Strengthening Community Engagement and Support

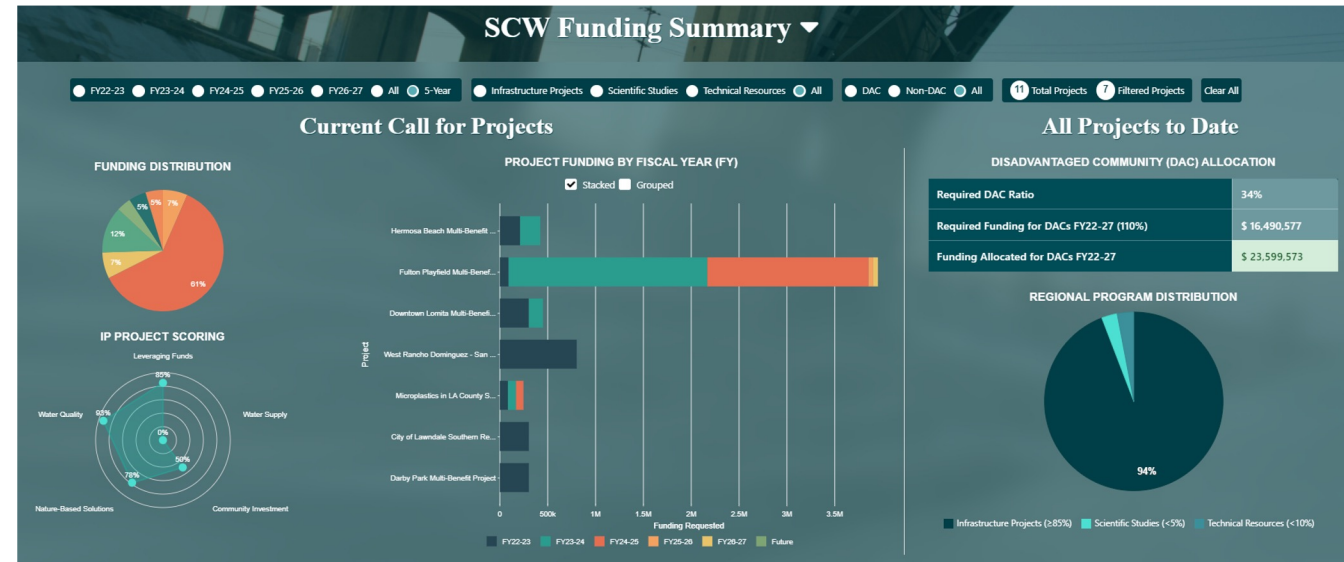
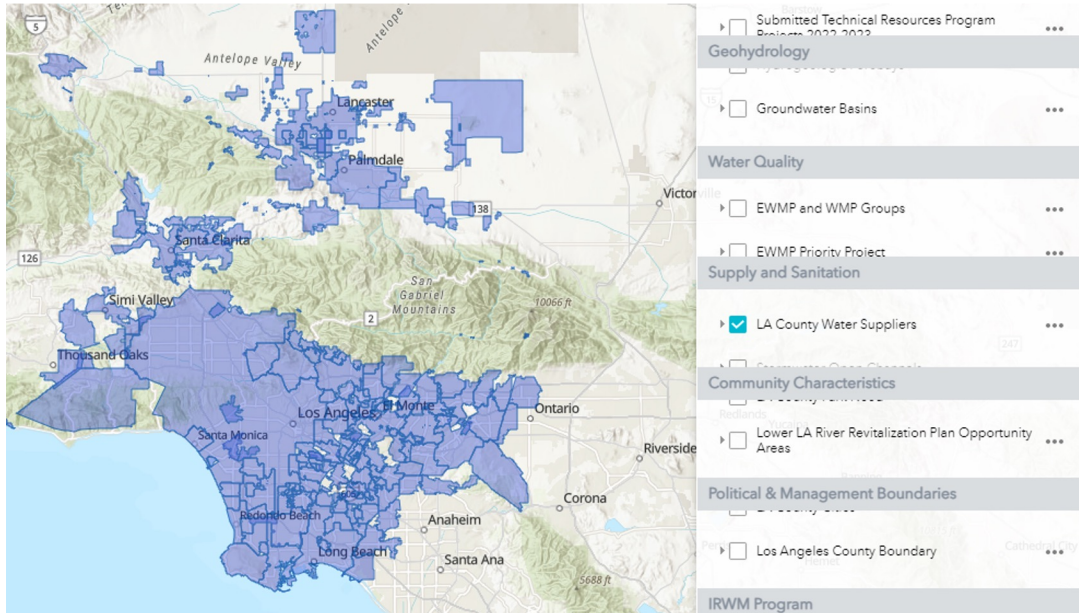


Safe, Clean Water Program 2022 Interim Guidance

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Safe Clean Water Program Resources





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Setting the Scene: Why Community- Engaged Planning Matters

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Setting the Scene:

We asked you all...



**What roadblocks have you
faced with community
engagement?**

Setting the Scene

What you all shared:



**ADD THEIR
RESPONSES**

Acknowledging the History of Environmentally Stressed Communities

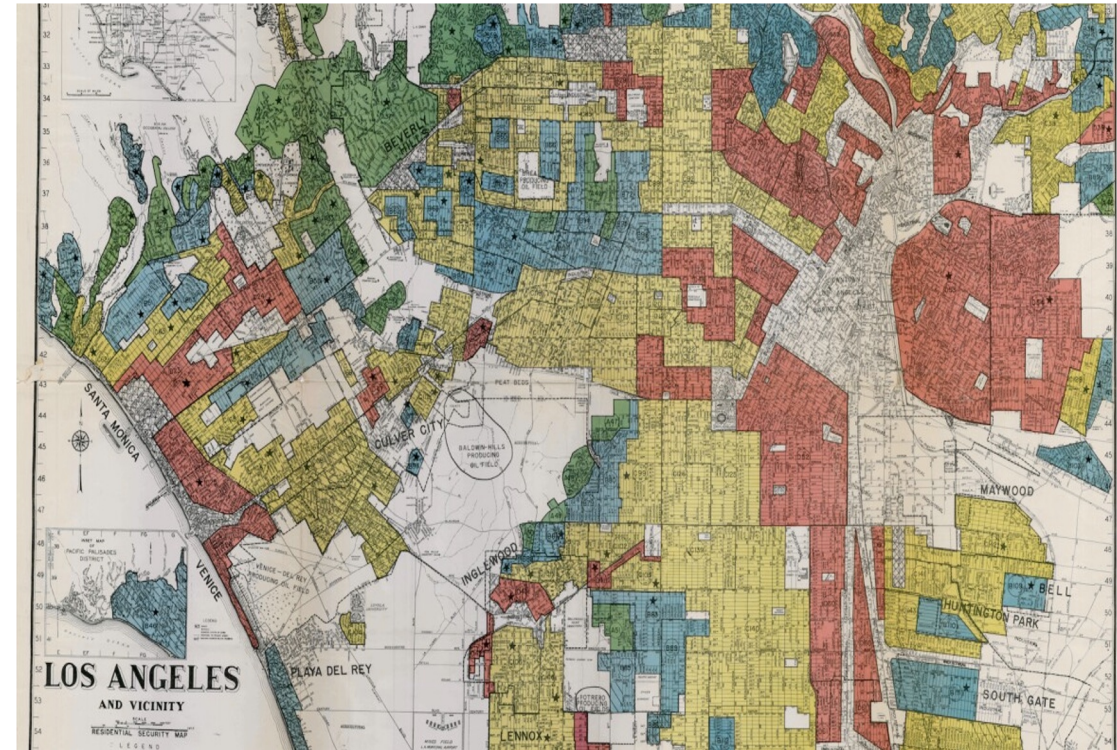
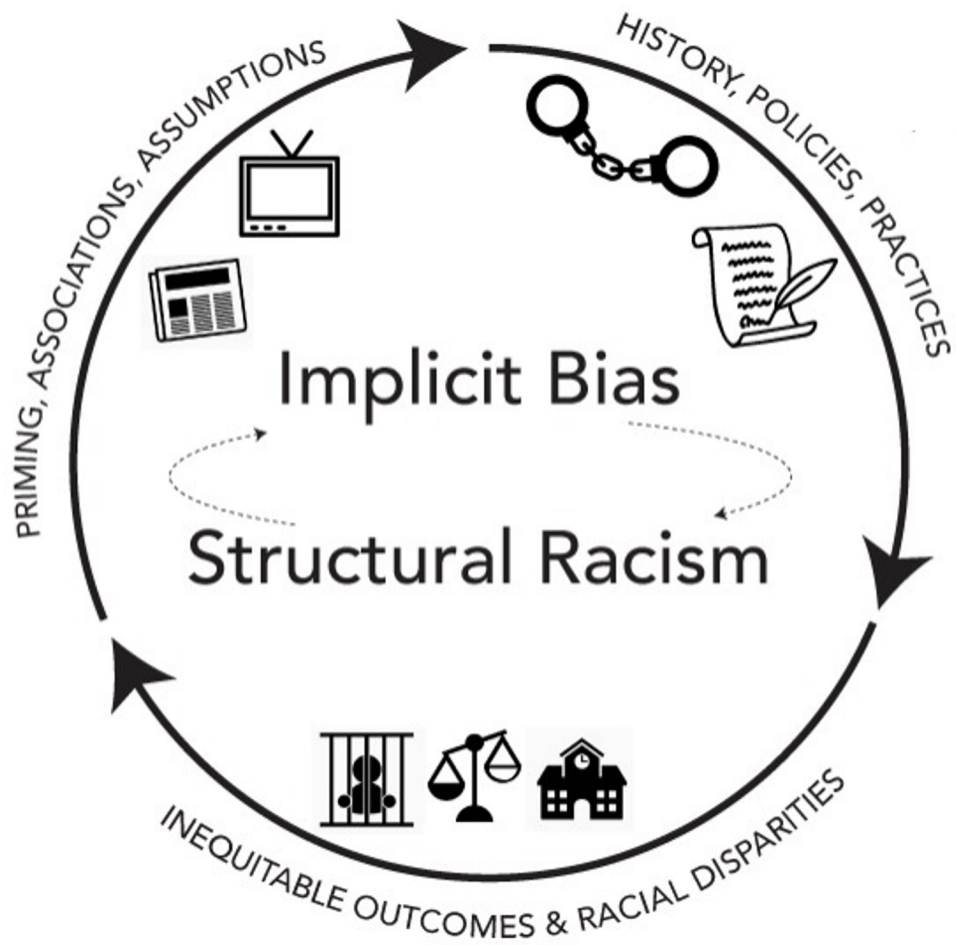
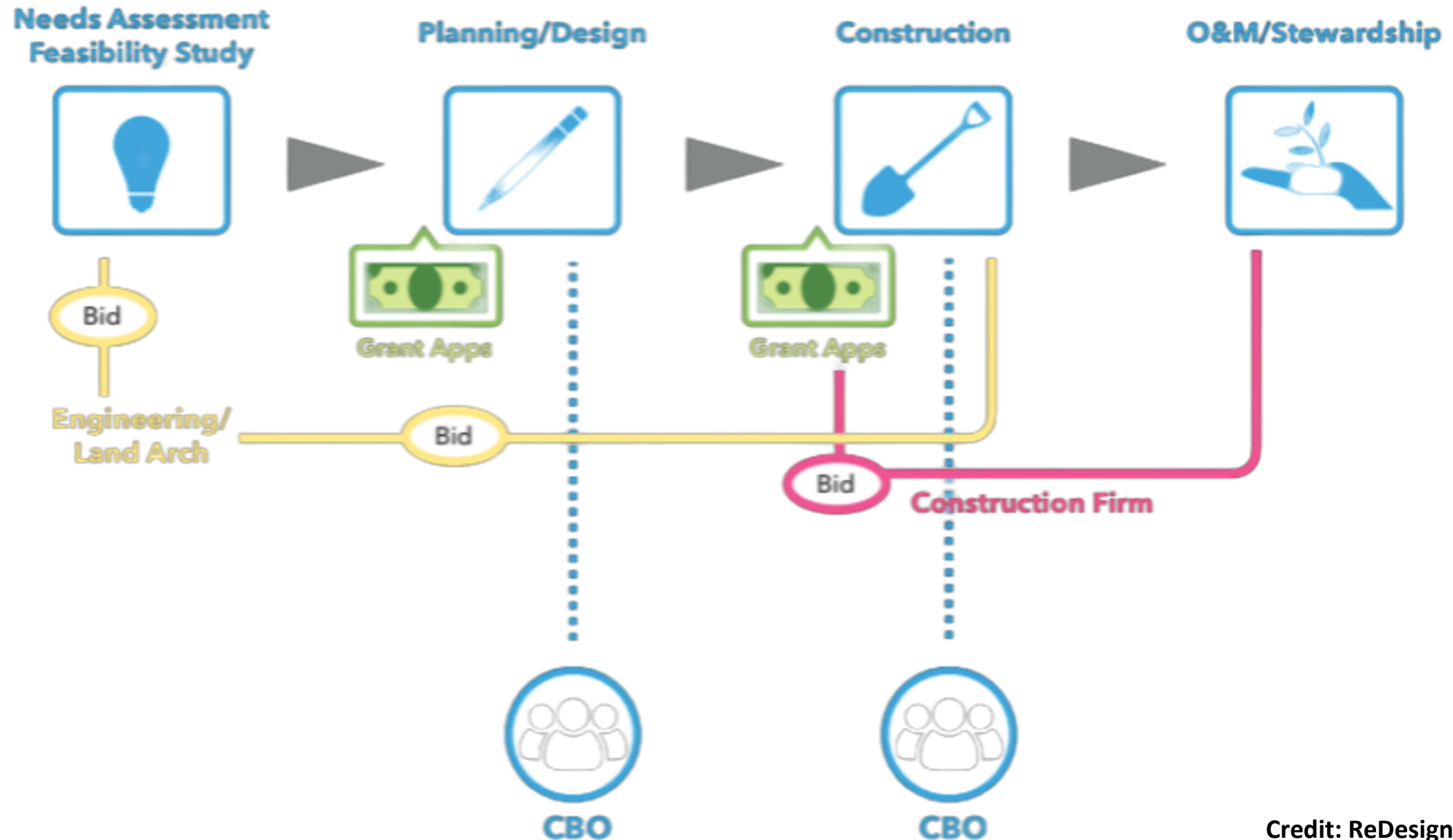


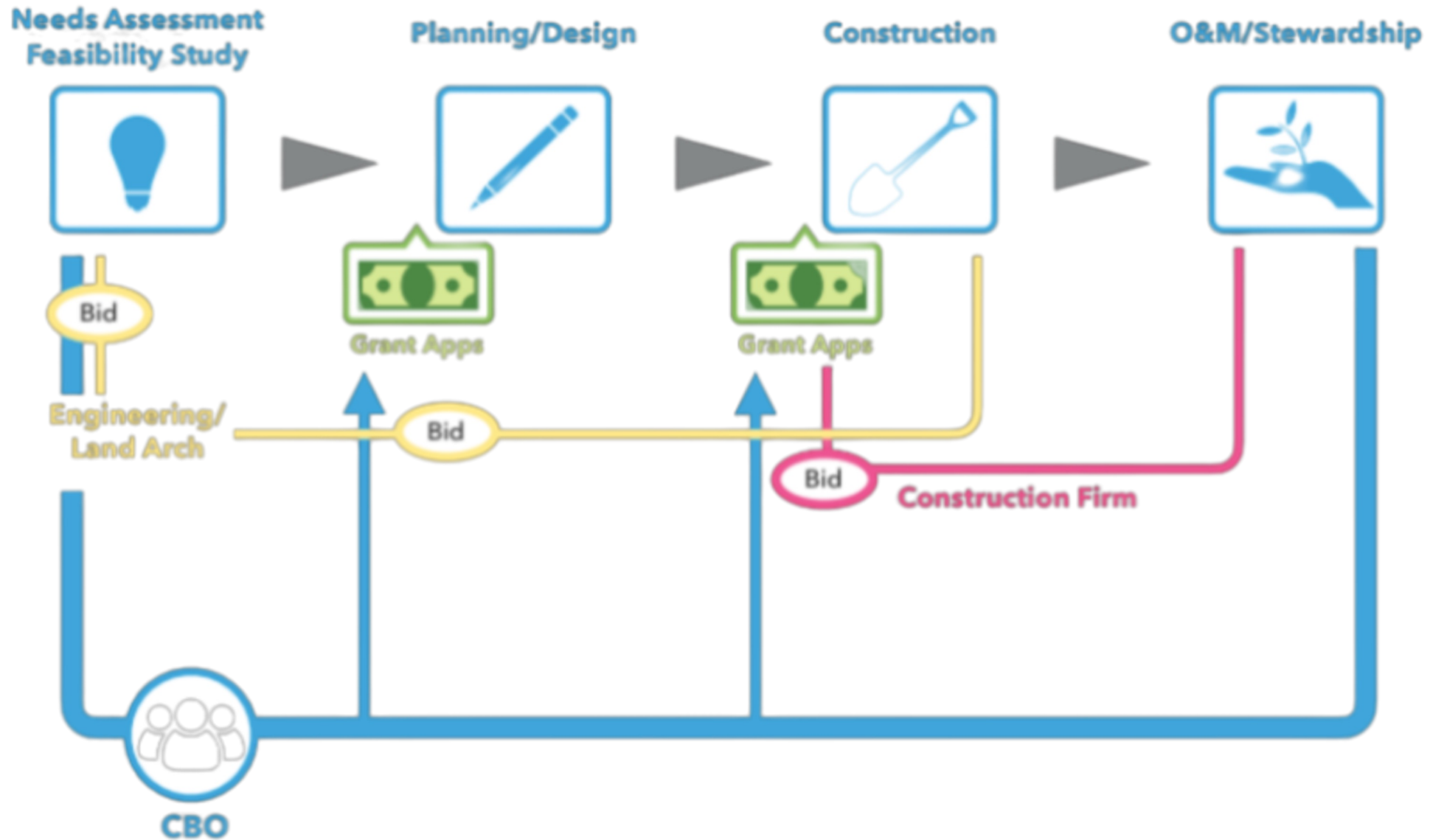
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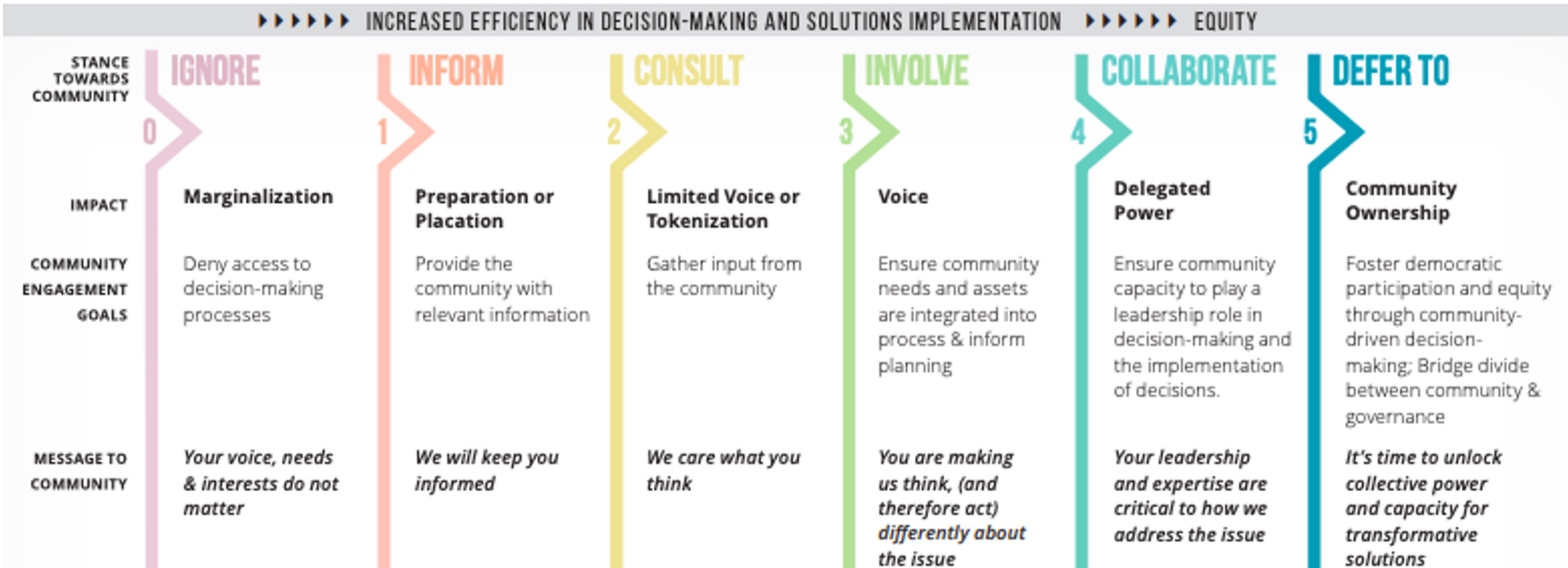
Traditional Approach to Water Projects



Engagement Approach to Water Projects



Spectrum of Community Engagement to Ownership



Community Ownership



The Community Benefits

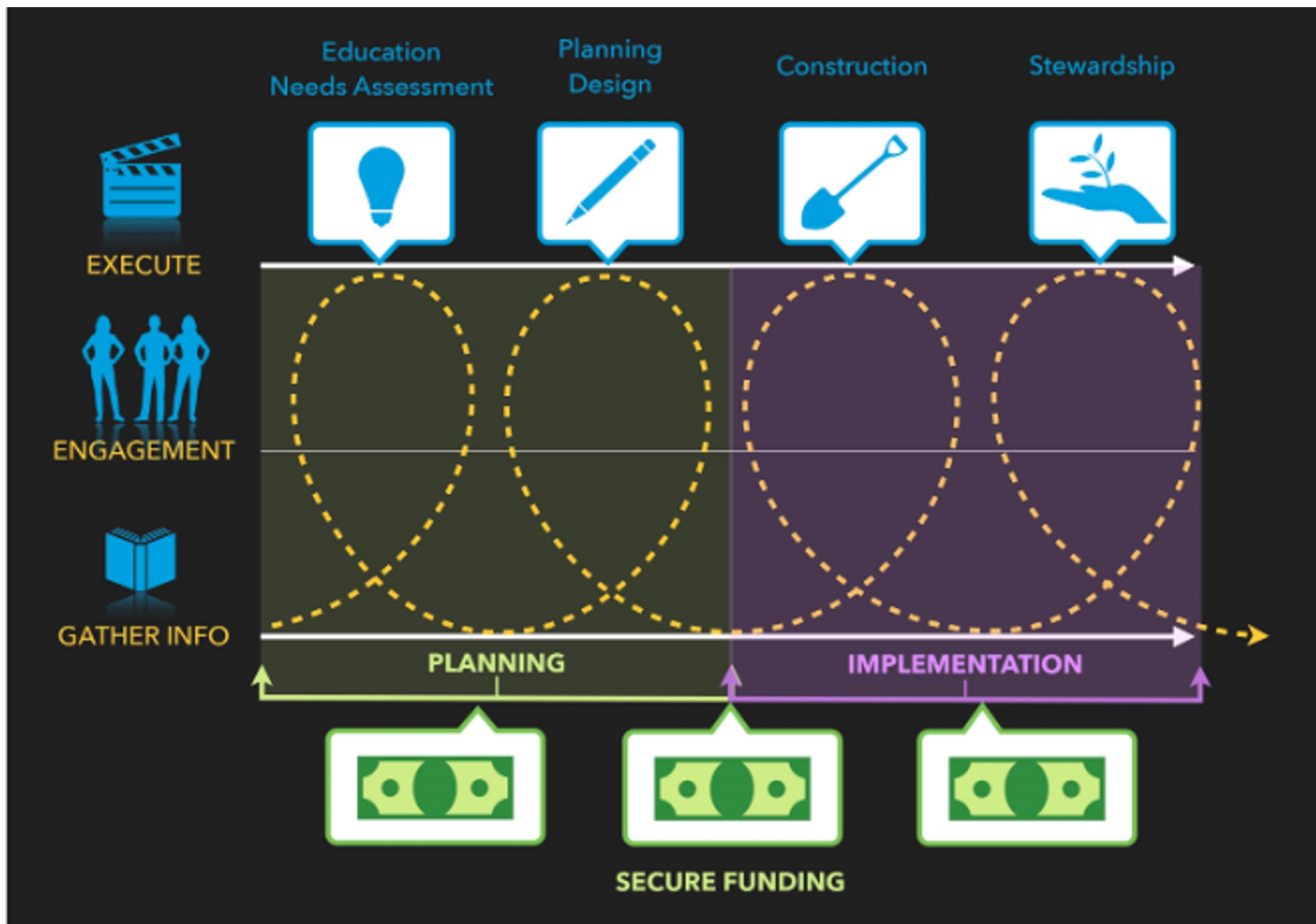




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Funding Community Engagement

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Best Practices for Compensating Community Partners

1. From the beginning, build community engagement into your project's budget.
2. Fairly compensate community partners for their time attending meetings.
3. Partner, build, and pay community based-organizations and community leaders as they are local experts.
4. Compliment your contracts with community partners with community engagement staff that are well trained in cultural competency, facilitation, community organizing, approaches, etc.

Credit:

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IMPORTANT DATES

May 2022						
◀ Today ▶						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2 ••	3 •	4 •	5 ••	6	7
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LEGEND: Grants | Meetings

[Full Calendar List](#)



WATER 101

Looking for a quick rundown on watershed concepts and nature-based solutions? Trying to decipher a frequently heard acronym? Searching for some basic terminology?



OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

Interested in finding other groups that are developing water-related projects? Searching for community engagement strategies? Looking to build strategic partnerships?



PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Looking for tools to help you identify opportunities or design solutions that can solve a particular issue in your community? Are there projects already in progress?



PROJECT FUNDING

Look to see what funding opportunities exist for multi-benefit water projects and programs? Trying to assess what tools might be needed to put together a grant proposal?



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Breakout Discussions

Panel Discussion

Local Governments and Community Leaders



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Resources Roundtable: Community Engagement Resources and Toolkits

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Resources on Best Practices for Community Engagement

Solving Water Challenges in Disadvantaged Communities: A Handbook to Understanding the Issues in California and Best Practices for Engagement



GUIDANCE FOR ENGAGING COMMUNITIES DURING DEVELOPMENT OF EARLY ACTION PLANS

Central Valley Nitrate Control Program



Guiding Principles for Equitable Engagement in Coordinated Planning



Inclusivity, accessibility, and shared decision-making are fundamental to developing resilient communities. Equitable engagement requires empowering marginalized voices to be co-creators in local planning efforts. Community expertise should be incorporated into every phase of planning, including how we define local needs and conditions, develop and implement solutions, prioritize resource allocations, and assess planning impacts.

Community Foundation Water Initiative NGO Cohort

Five foundations from across the state, known as the Community Foundation Water Initiative, have been working since 2015 to advance sustainable water management solutions. The Initiative partnered with Local Government Commission to develop a report on the [Equitable Integration of Water and Land Use](#) which was released in 2019. Shortly following the report, each foundation selected one nonprofit in their region to advance the report's regional recommendations and statewide strategies while building local capacity for coordination. This cohort of five NGOs collaborated for an entire year, culminating their work in these **Guiding Principles for Equitable Engagement in Coordinated Planning**.

The principles described below will require decision-makers to adjust the policy frameworks that have traditionally been used within our systems and institutions. **A status quo that leaves Californians without access to affordable homes, safe drinking water, economic opportunity, and healthy communities is not an option.** Inequity and racial injustice impacts every facet of how our communities operate and live. We must redefine what it means for governments to equitably and authentically engage, with a focus on building local community capacity and providing the resources and support necessary for marginalized groups to actively participate.

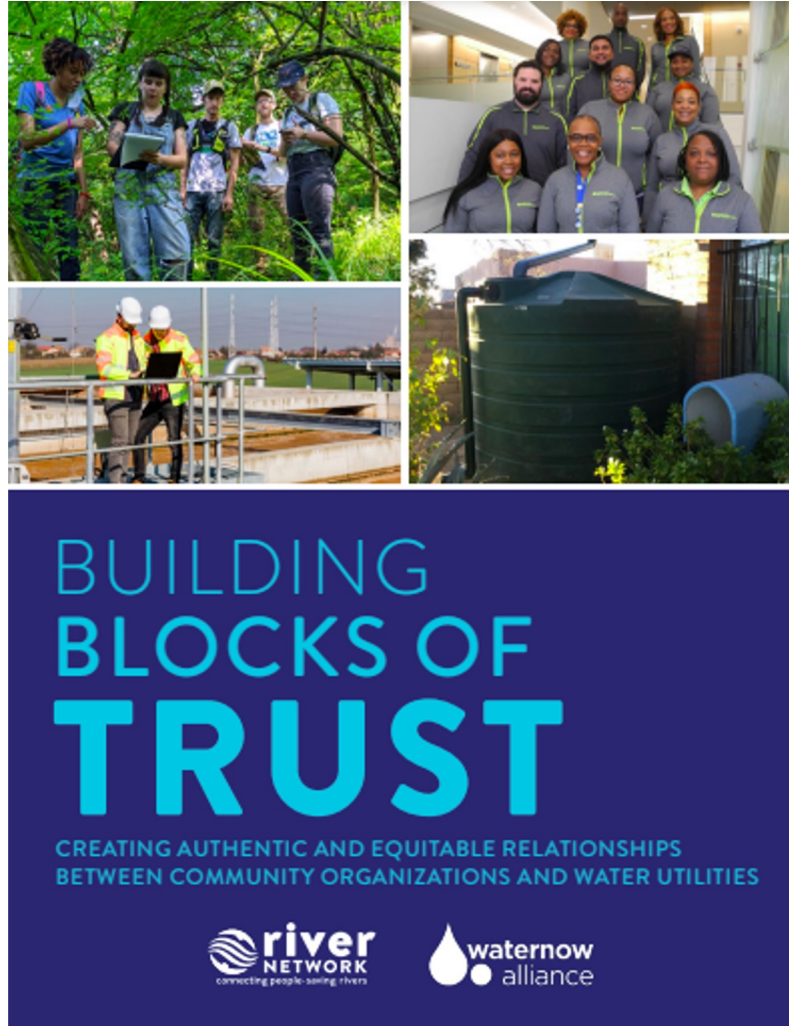


Toolkits on Building Community Engagement



Community Engagement Toolkit

Version 2.2
March, 2017



Funding Forum

More details coming soon!



Register Today:

<https://tinyurl.com/funderforum>