Coachella Valley Regional Water Management Group
Coachella Valley IRWM Governance/Membership

- Coachella Water Authority
- Coachella Valley Water District
- Desert Water Agency
- Indio Water Authority
- Mission Springs Water District

Coachella Valley Planning Partners
  - CVRWMG
  - Issues Group Leaders

- County of Riverside
- Local Cities
- Community Councils
- Tribes
- Coachella Valley Association of Governments
- Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Natural Resources Agencies
- Disadvantaged Community (DAC) representatives
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Regional Priorities

1. Optimize water supply reliability
2. Protect and improve water quality
3. Provide stewardship of water-related natural resources
4. Coordinate and integrate water resource management
5. Ensure cultural, social, and economic sustainability of water in the Coachella Valley
Coachella Valley IRWMP Accomplishments

- Secured $5.5 million in funding
  - $500,000 for Disadvantaged Communities Program
    - Outreach
    - Community, and Flood-Risk Mapping
    - Water Quality and Technical Support
  - $1 million Planning Grant
    - Salt/Nutrient Planning Strategy
    - Integrated Flood Management
    - Groundwater Monitoring Strategy
    - DAC Water Quality Evaluation
  - $4 million for Implementation
    - Septic to Sewer Conversion
    - Arsenic treatment for DAC’s
    - Regional Conservation Programs
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Challenges

- Groundwater overdraft
- Reliability of imported water supplies
- Expanding local supply opportunities
- Groundwater quality
- Stormwater quality
- Flooding Hazards
- Water-related needs of Disadvantaged
- Affordability of water
- Regional growth
Opportunities

- Securing outside funding for local projects
- Developing regional cooperation and solutions for...
  - Groundwater Overdraft
  - Water Quality Protection
  - Salt/Nutrient Management Planning Strategy
  - Conservation
- Providing assistance to Disadvantaged Communities
Lessons Learned

- Program requires significant commitment of staff resources
- Local funding must be identified and committed first, with no guarantee of Grant funding
- Some stakeholders need more outreach and support than others
- Differing Policies/Politics of members are challenging, but not impossible, to overcome
Thank You

Questions?