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Brick and Mortar Environmental Justice

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Environmental Justice in the Built Environment—Two Case Studies

- ▶ In order to achieve Environmental Justice, we must find solutions to the problems which create Environmental Injustices
- ▶ Many problems in disadvantaged communities are very complex
- ▶ Too often there are language barriers
- ▶ Too often there are social barriers
- ▶ There can be institutional barriers
- ▶ But to every problem, there usually is a solution
- ▶ The goal is solving the problem!

Maywood, California



Maywood, California is a small city in southeast Los Angeles

The city and surrounding area is served by three small mutual water Companies

One of the systems had reoccurring brown water

The residents were upset and demanded answers

AB240 (Rendon) provided \$1M in grant funding from Prop 1

WRD accessed an additional \$2M to build wellhead treatment

A Greensand filtration system was recently installed and now the system is producing clean water

This was the first time the SWRCB funded Fe and Mn

South Mesa Mutual Water Company



South Mesa Mutual Water Company is located in Calimesa, CA

The system was recently identified as a Severely Disadvantaged Community

This enabled South Mesa to qualify for grants from the SWRCB

The SWRCB has asked South Mesa to build a Master Meter connection with Hillcrest Mobile Estates which has excessive nitrate levels in the well water



- ▶ South Mesa Mutual Water Company is unique as it is a SDAC helping another SDAC
- ▶ This can set a precedent in the state where well run small systems can help a struggling smaller system with contaminated drinking water
- ▶ SWRCB is very eager to have this master meter consolidation take place so the MHP residents have clean water
- ▶ South Mesa will get a new well and pipeline as an incentive
- ▶ This is a win win!

Outcomes

South Mesa is going to get new pipeline and a new well and the residents of Hillcrest Mobile Estates will get a reliable and clean source of water

The outcome of the Maywood Mutual Water Company No. 2 is clean water.

That is all that matters!



Questions?

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