

# Local Government Commission

We are a nonprofit organization that fosters innovation in local environmental sustainability, economic prosperity and social equity.



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**LGC** helps transform communities through *inspiration*, *practical assistance*, and a *network* of visionary local elected officials and other community leaders.

- ✓ Workshops and Trainings
- ✓ Participatory Planning & Design Work
- ✓ Policy Development Assistance
- ✓ Tours of Model Projects
- ✓ Networking Events
- ✓ Annual & Biennial Conferences



# The groundbreaking Ahwahnee Water Principles guide LGC Water Program efforts.

## I. Growing in a Water-Wise Manner

1. How we grow
2. Where we grow

## II. Water-Friendly Site Design

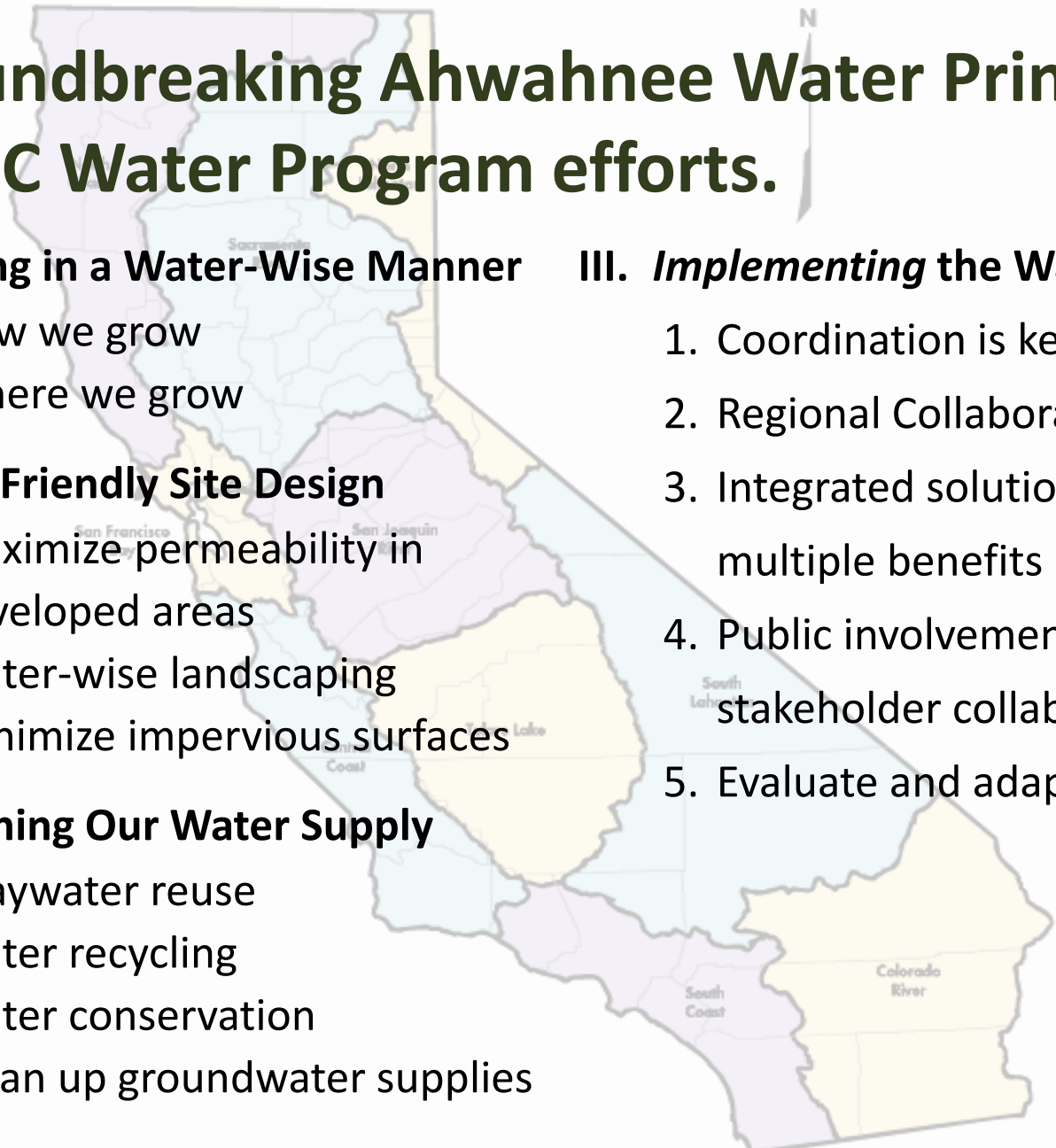
3. Maximize permeability in developed areas
4. Water-wise landscaping
5. Minimize impervious surfaces

## III. Stretching Our Water Supply

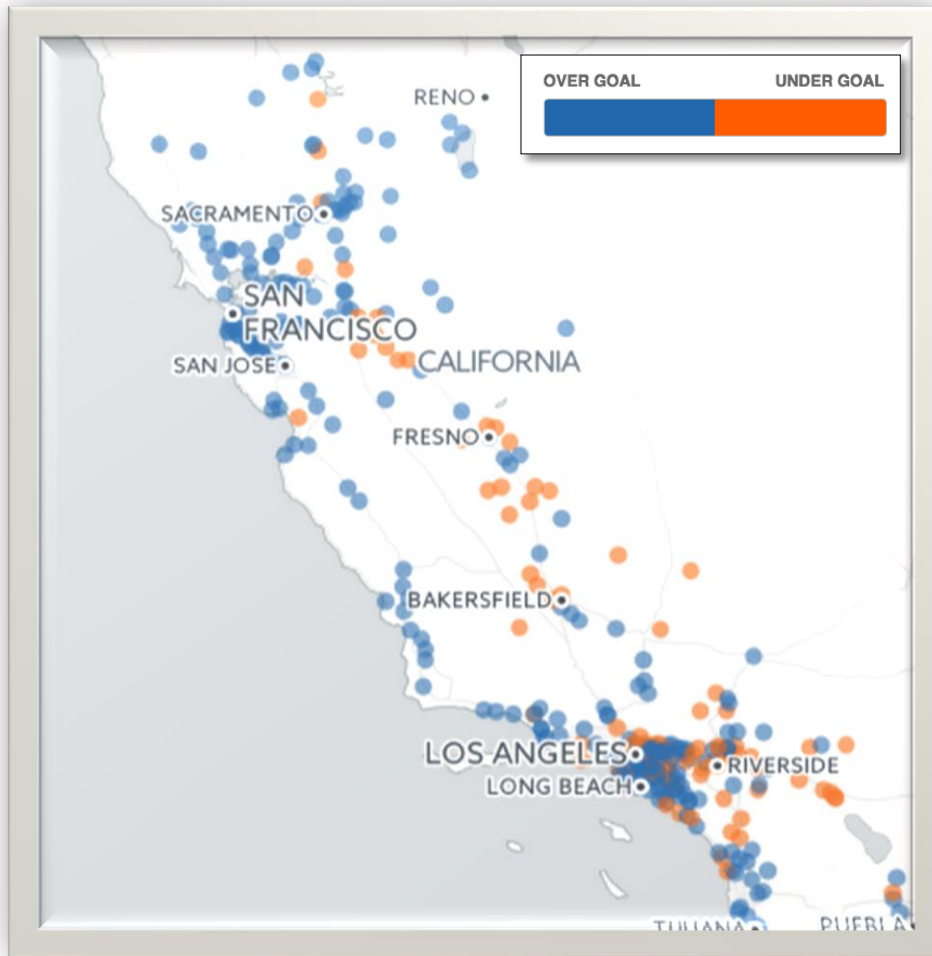
6. Graywater reuse
7. Water recycling
8. Water conservation
9. Clean up groundwater supplies

## III. *Implementing* the Water Principles

1. Coordination is key
2. Regional Collaboration
3. Integrated solutions achieve multiple benefits
4. Public involvement and stakeholder collaboration
5. Evaluate and adapt



# The Ahwahnee Water Principles help local governments better manage our water resources.



- ✧ Improve water quality & reliability.
- ✧ Reduce financial liability of new development.
- ✧ Inform discussions of sustainable community design.
- ✧ Illustrate the connection between land use planning & water.
- ✧ Prepare municipalities for an uncertain water future.





# LGC strives to *implement* the Ahwahnee Water Principles through local, integrated projects and statewide policy influence.



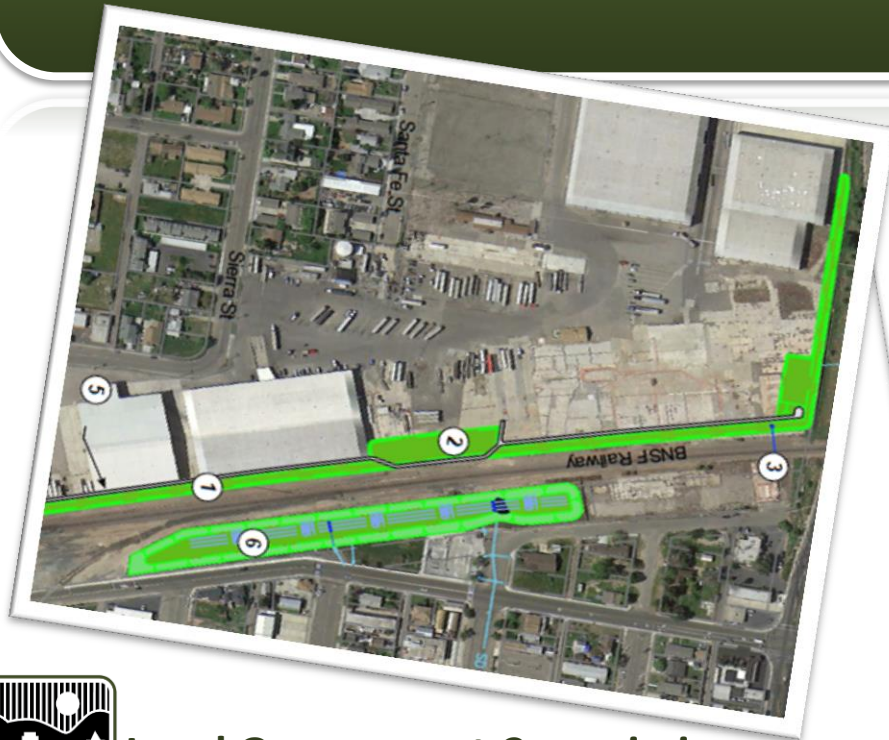
## *Current Efforts & Recent Projects*

- ✧ *SGMA Implementation*
- ✧ *MWELO Guidance Webinars*
- ✧ *Water & Public Health Webinars*
- ✧ *Urban Forestry Technical Assistance*
- ✧ *LID Alternative Compliance*
- ✧ *Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts*
- ✧ *Removing Barriers to LID in Local & State Codes*
- ✧ *Ahwahnee Water Principles Guidebook Update*



# LGC provides resources & technical assistance to bridge the gap between Land Use and Water.

- ✓ Cross-agency communication
- ✓ Adopt water element in General Plan
- ✓ Establish water efficient requirements for new developments



# LGC is helping SJV communities address the Water-Energy Nexus.

## *Water-Energy Community Action Network*

- ✓ Water & Energy Efficiency Upgrades
- ✓ Turf Removal & Landscape Rebates
- ✓ Landscaper Job Training  
*(water efficient landscaping & maintenance)*
- ✓ Community Outreach & Engagement



**WE CAN**



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# LGC is helping communities respond to the drought.

## Drought Response Training

LOW-COST DROUGHT RESILIENCE TRAINING FOR YOUR EMPLOYEES.

The Local Government Commission, with financial support from the Employment Training Panel, is offering public and private agencies low-cost training programs to help your employees respond to California's historic drought.

Training is being offered to employers located in the 24 counties identified by the state as most severely impacted by the drought. Trainings are designed to help local communities:

- Reduce immediate water waste within agency operations.
- Identify medium-term water use efficiency opportunities within each jurisdiction.
- Promote long-term technology adoption and management practices to increase efficiency, stabilize water demand, and improve water supply reliability.



### TRAINING TOPICS



WATER-EFFICIENT  
LANDSCAPING



COMMUNITY-BASED WATER  
CONSERVATION



WATER-USE EFFICIENCY



WATER & ENERGY DEMAND-  
MANAGEMENT



GROUNDWATER  
SUSTAINABILITY



URBAN FOREST FIRE  
PREVENTION





# LGC provides resources and networks to increase the resilience of our communities.

## Past Projects & Publications:

- ✧ The Ahwahnee Water Principles Guidebook
- ✧ Model Water Element
  - ✧ Watershed Protection & Management
  - ✧ Protecting & Improving Water Quality
  - ✧ Managing Supply & Demand of Water Resources
- ✧ Lower Stanislaus LID Alternative Compliance Plan
- ✧ Water-Wise Development in the Sierra: Policy Guide
- ✧ Barriers to Low Impact Development
- ✧ Watershed-Based Strategies for Ventura County, Amador & Calaveras Counties

## Fact Sheets:

- ✧ *Land Use & Watersheds*
- ✧ *Livable Communities & Water*
- ✧ *Urban Stormwater Management*
- ✧ *Water Conservation*
- ✧ *Water Recycling & Reuse*

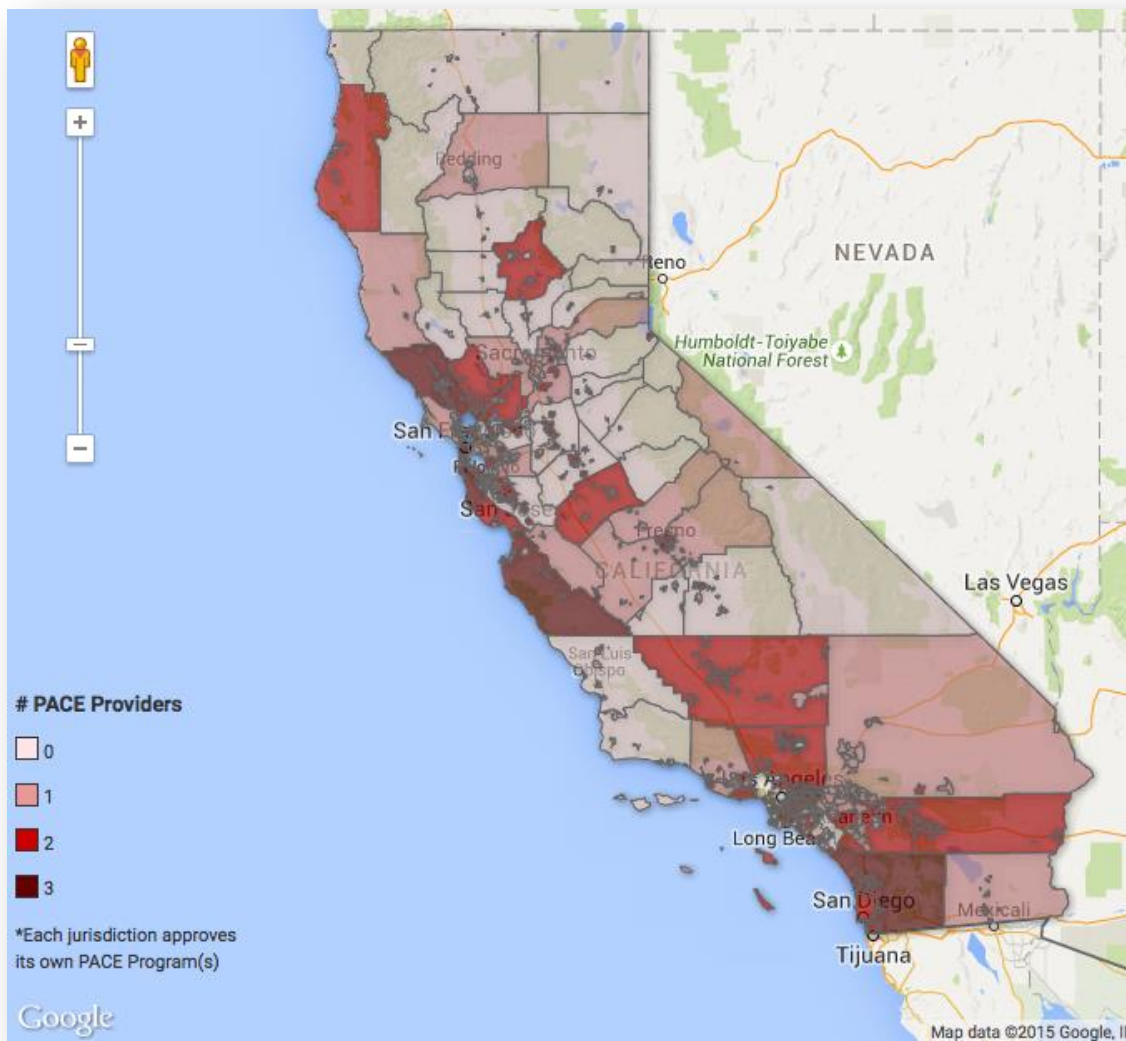
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# PACE financing can help pay for your water projects.

- ✧ Covers up to 100% energy & water efficiency projects
- ✧ Residential, commercial, or municipal properties
- ✧ Center for Sustainable Energy – PACE Clearinghouse

<http://energycenter.org/policy/property-assessed-clean-energy-pace>

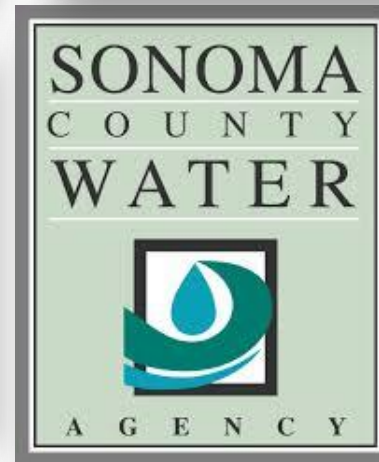
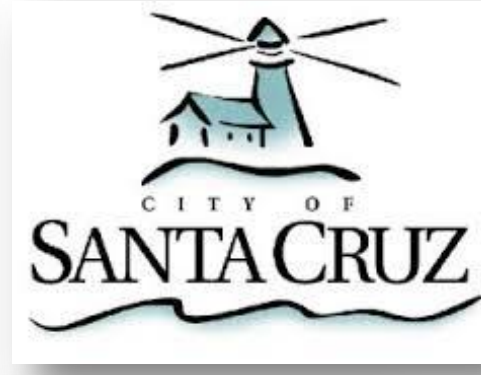


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# Some local leaders are paving the way for others.



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# Join Our Network of 700 + Members

## Membership Benefits

- ✓ Access to the latest **best practices**
- ✓ A **peer network** of leading elected officials
- ✓ **Access to thought leaders** in a range of policy arenas
- ✓ Local, regional, statewide and national **events on cutting edge issues**

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