



## Defining Underrepresented Communities

### **URC Definition for Urban and Multibenefit Drought Grant**

For the purposes of the [Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Program](#), the Department of Water Resources (DWR) collectively refers to disadvantaged communities (DAC), severely disadvantaged communities (SDAC), economically distressed areas (EDA), Tribes, environmentally disadvantaged communities, and fringe communities as Underrepresented Communities (URCs).

DWR provides mapping tools to determine DAC and EDA status:

- DWR's DAC and SDAC mapping tool: <https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/>
- DWR's EDA mapping tool: <https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/edas/>

### **Additional Resources for Determining URC Status**

The following mapping resources and tools are helpful in determining if a project area should be considered a URC:

- CalEnviroScreen 4.0: <https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen/report/calenviroscreen-40>
- California Healthy Places Index (HPI): <https://map.healthyplacesindex.org/>
- Neighborhood Atlas (Area Deprivation Index):  
<https://www.neighborhoodatlas.medicine.wisc.edu/mapping>