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The 2022 Darcy Aston Memorial Lecture on Water Sustainability

SECURING THE HUMAN RIGHT TO CLEAN WATER FOR ALL CALIFORNIANS

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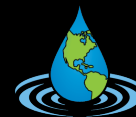


This is the 7th in a series of annual lecturers given in memory of Darcy Aston, 1981 UCSB Environmental Studies Alum and beloved member of the Santa Barbara Community.



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My water journey with Darcy Aston

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La Rivera de los Rios



Lo que no vemos
no nos preocupa

Usted es parte de un esfuerzo unido
de nuestra comunidad
para mantener limpias
las playas y aguas
del condado de Santa Barbara

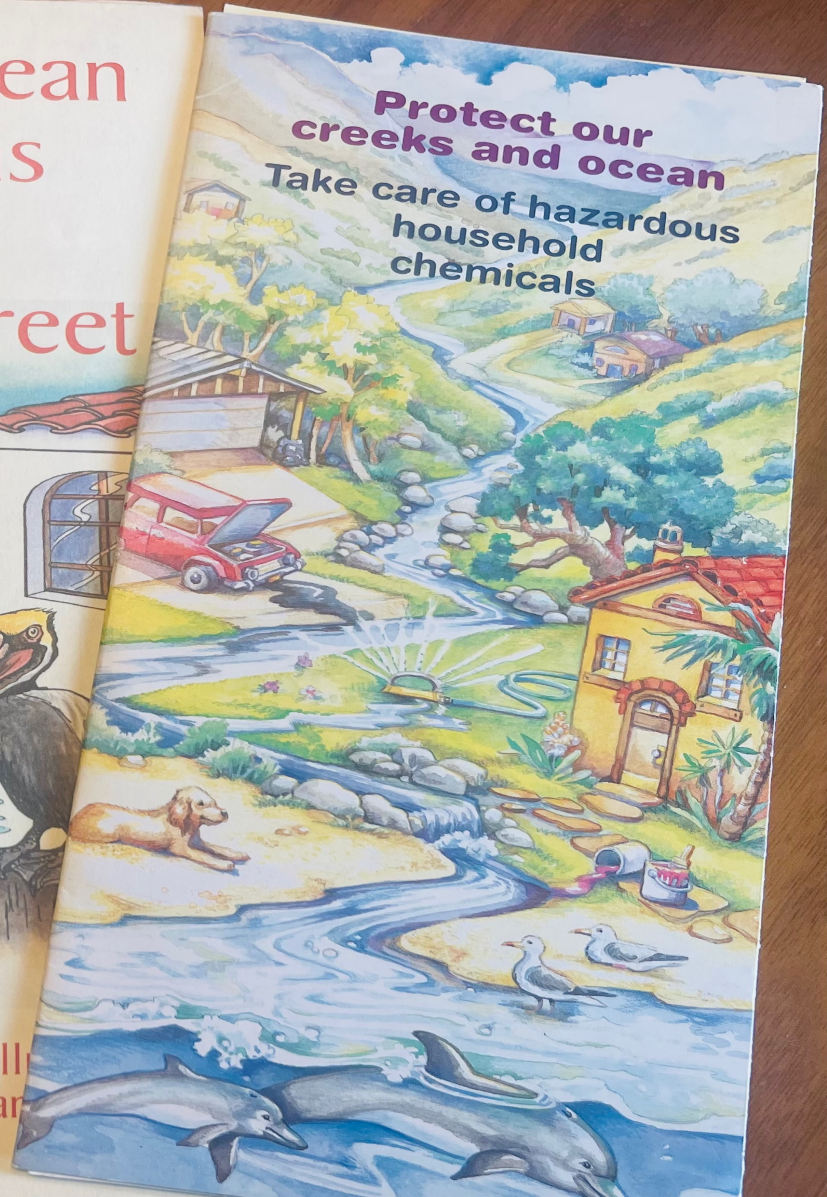
PROTECT
CLEAN WATER

The Ocean Begins on Your Street



Help Prevent Pollution
of Creek and Ocean

Protect our
creeks and ocean
Take care of hazardous
household
chemicals



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Our Mission

Act as a catalyst for community water solutions through organizing, education and advocacy in California.

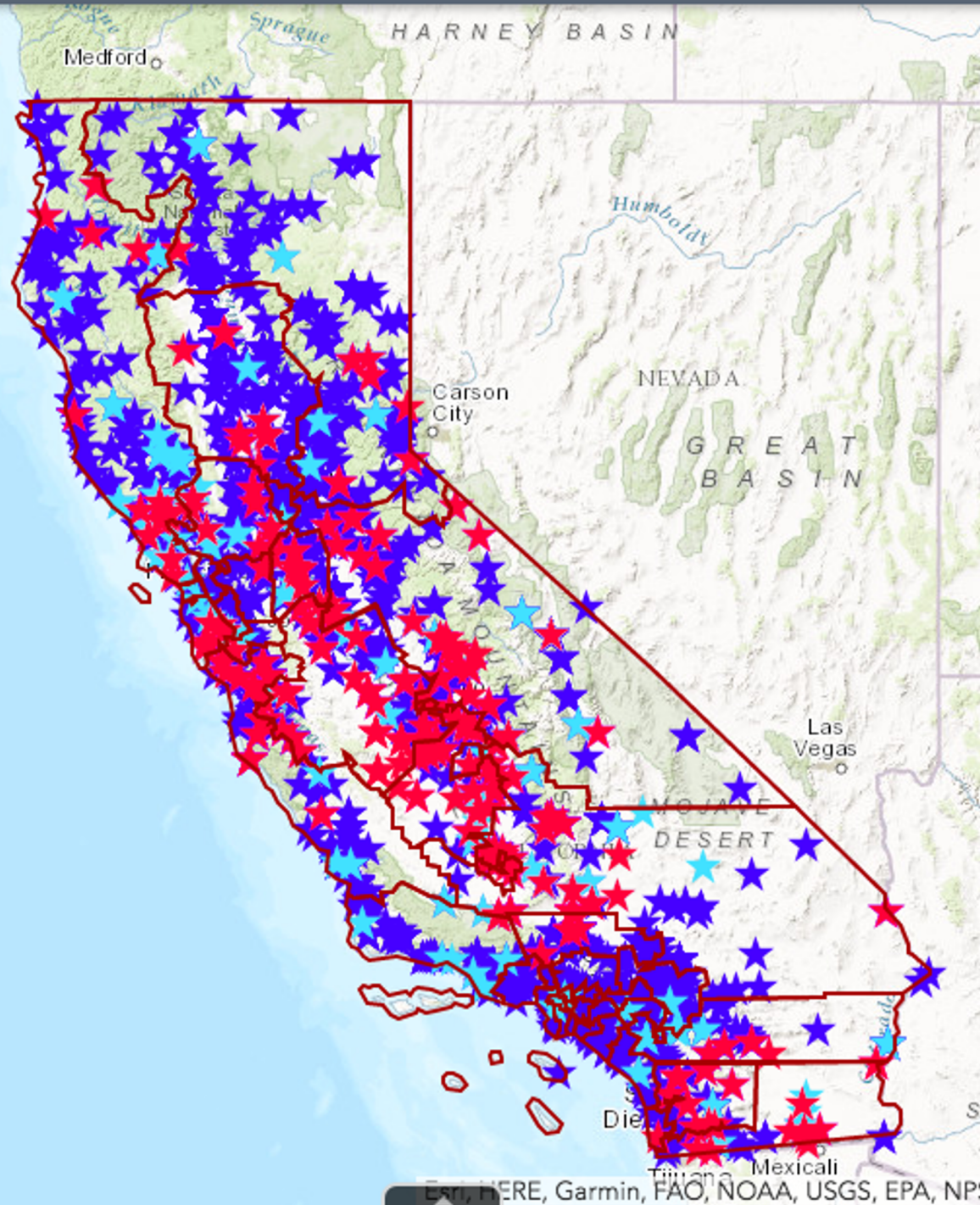
Our Vision

Ensure that ALL Californians have access to safe, clean and affordable water.



Over one million Californians

are exposed to unsafe drinking water
each year




More than 1 million Californians impacted by unsafe drinking water each year

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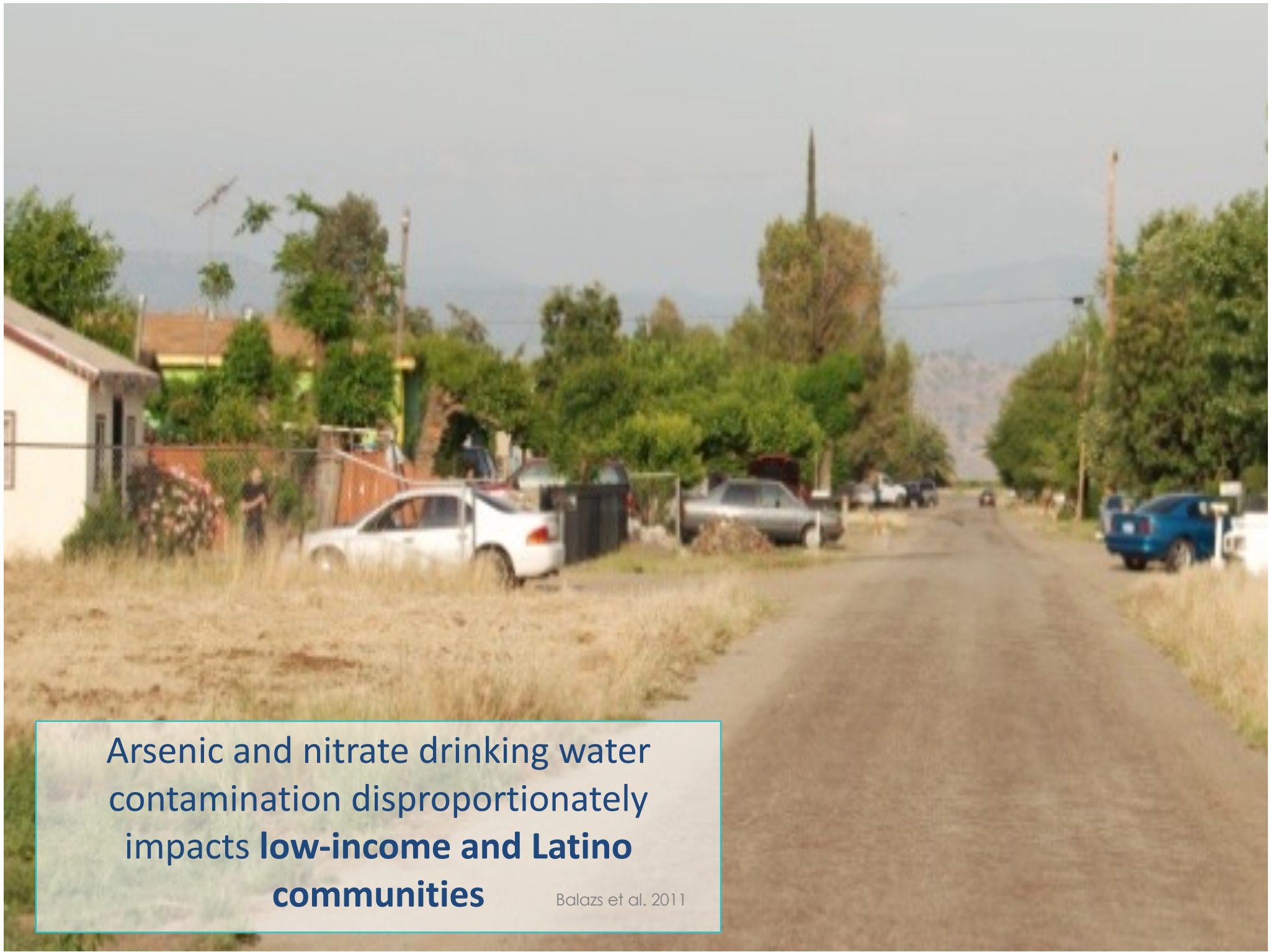
Living without a drop of safe water to drink






Many residents spend
up to 10% of their
household income on
drinking water.

Pacific Institute 2011



Arsenic and nitrate drinking water contamination disproportionately impacts **low-income and Latino communities**

Balazs et al. 2011



Got Nitrates?

E-erosi
Water.

AGUA
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500,000 Californians
lost their drinking water in 2019
because of water shutoffs



\$1 billion dollars
household water debt in California



130

small water
systems may
FAIL in the
next 6 months

1.6 million
households in CA –

5 million
Californians

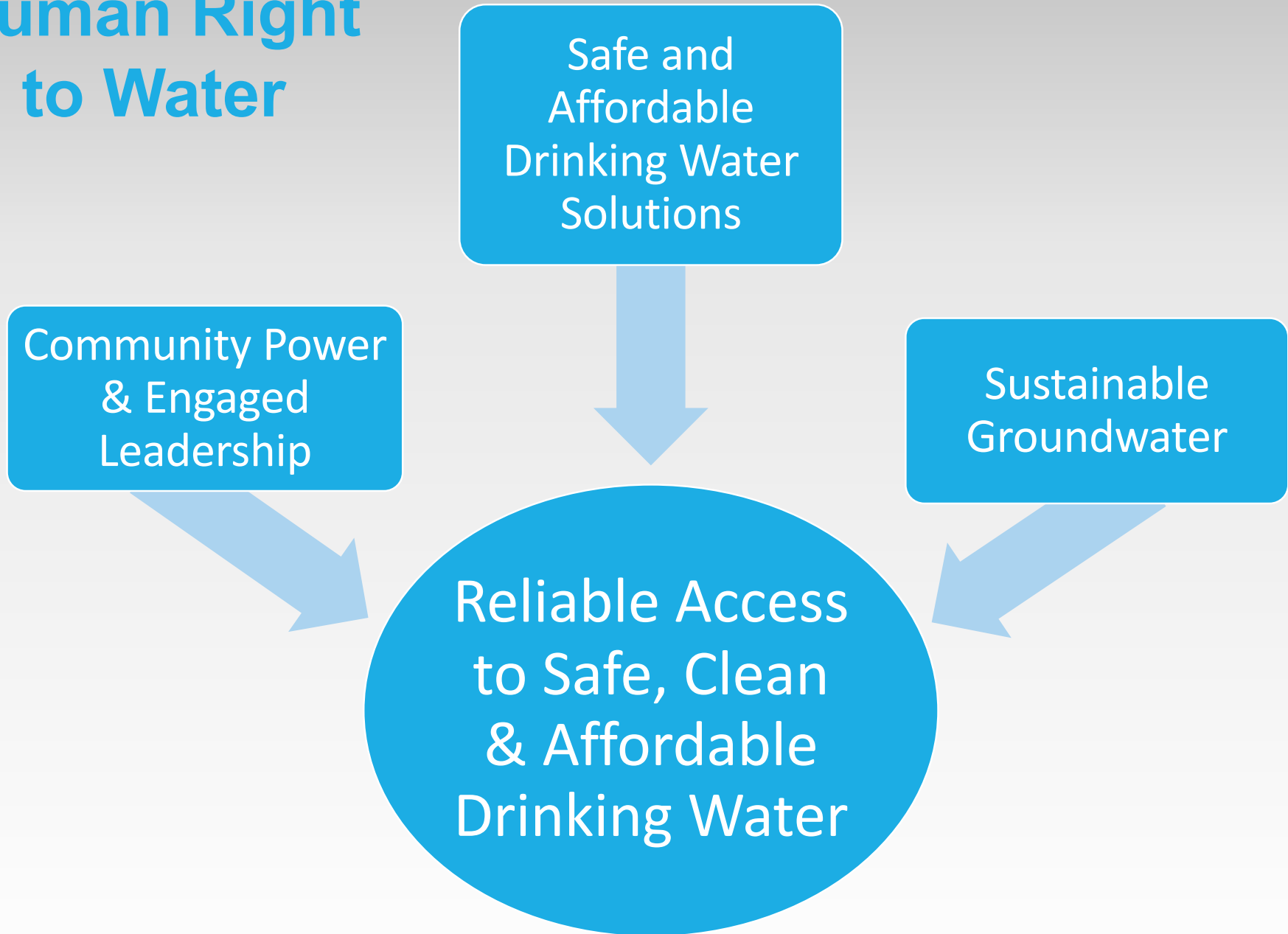


are behind on
their water bills



Brown and Black
communities are
disproportionately
impacted by water debt

Securing the Human Right to Water



Human Right to Water Act (2012)

“Every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes.”



Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund 2019





We shape the California we want to live in.



Key Takeaways

- Water is a basic human right, not a privilege.
- Consideration of the Human Right to Water should be at the forefront of project development and policy, not an aside.
- Community leadership and engagement is vital.
- Partnerships and coalition are critical.
- Stay connected and join our social platforms and listserv!
- Consider joining our team

<https://www.communitywatercenter.org/careers>

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THANK YOU



... Because clean water is a human right, not a privilege.

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Q & A



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