

**Community Focus Statement C:** Provide greater access to important services for Homestead Valley residents and businesses

**Action Statement C.4:** Explore establishing a community-scale water distribution system to replace hauled water, provided that the water is affordable and sourced responsibly.

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**Benchmark:** Special District created to provide water distribution system in the Homestead Valley communities, specifically in places where other water sources are inadequate.

**Champion:** Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

**Estimated Cost:** Variable depending on projects proposed

Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Form a local coalition of stakeholders including local residents affected, health and water advocates, the Homestead Valley Community Council, and any other related groups.	Champion	Months 1 – 3	Community Toolbox, Lobbying Decision Makers <a href="http://ctb.ku.edu/en/table-of-contents/advocacy/direct-action/lobby-decisionmakers/main">http://ctb.ku.edu/en/table-of-contents/advocacy/direct-action/lobby-decisionmakers/main</a>
2. Identify the key individuals who influence water decisions in the county, such as the County Board of Supervisors and the County Department of Public Health.	Local Water Coalition	Months 3 – 4	San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors <a href="http://www.sbcounty.gov/main/pages/bos.aspx">http://www.sbcounty.gov/main/pages/bos.aspx</a>
3. Identify the opportunities and avenues to discuss a community-scale water distribution system such as local and county meetings, local media, and letters or calls to the County officials responsible for decision making.	Local Coalition	Months 3 – 4	San Bernardino County Department of Public Health <a href="http://wp.sbcounty.gov/dph/">http://wp.sbcounty.gov/dph/</a>
4. Conduct an outreach campaign to gather information, support, and backing in the community and surrounding area, and encourage individuals and local groups to reach out to officials and decision-makers through all avenues. This effort can include holding community meetings, publishing articles in local media, and any other method of reaching out to people to join the effort.	Local Coalition	Months 4 – 10	California Department of Public Health <a href="https://www.cdph.ca.gov/">https://www.cdph.ca.gov/</a>  San Bernardino County Special Districts Department <a href="http://www.specialdistricts.org/">http://www.specialdistricts.org/</a>
5. Organize a meeting with local decision-makers and discuss constructing a water distribution system, including data on groundwater quality, California state policies, and example policies from other locations.	Local Coalition	Month 10	



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6. Identify a funding source for design and construction costs. Consider forming a CSA or CSD to fund water distribution system.	Local Coalition	Month 11 – 12	
7. Stay informed on state-level policy and actions on water distribution systems by the California Department of Public Health and provide input as opportunities occur.	Local Coalition	Ongoing	
8. Continue to take advantage of avenues of communication with the Board of Supervisors and the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health regarding establishing a water distribution system.	Local Coalition	Ongoing	

\*A Johnson Valley Community Well #10 has 40+ meters for those residents who have their own water and a state licensed commercial hauled water service. The community would like to continue hauled water service as it has done so for 70+ years.