## **Engagement Practices**





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### Who is Alianza Coachella Valley?

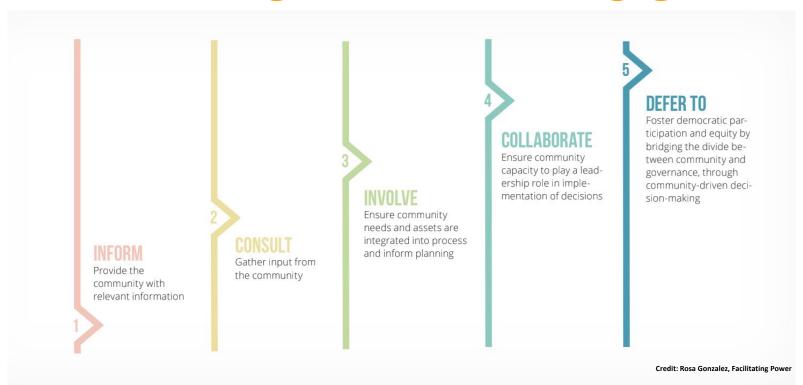




The only alliance bringing together community members, nonprofits, and government to lead efforts for a thriving region.



# What is meaningful community engagement?



#### **Integrates Engagement in the Planning**

\*Stakeholders identify the research question(s)

DRAFT FRAMEWORK &
INDICATORS

#Stakeholders identify the relevance of findings

- Background Research / Lit Review
- Landscape Analysis

- Preliminary findings
- Analysis

- Focus groups
- Analysis
- Researcher feedback

- Recommendations
- Strategy / Actions

**PUBLICATION** 

#### **Relevant to our Communities**

	Broad Criteria	Sub-Criteria
Salton Sea Region Inclusive Economy	1. EQUITY	Upward Mobility
		Reduction of Inequality
	2. INCLUSION	Participation in markets
		Decision-making
	3. GROWTH / STABILITY	Work Opportunity
		Stability
Framework		Dignified Work
	4. SOCIO - ECOLOGICAL	Ecological health
		Community Health
	HEALTH	
	5. TRANSPORTATION	Commute
	/ ACCESS TO	Transportation &
	DEVELOPMENT	Infrastructure



#### **Reflect Community Priorities**





Projects at the Salton Sea must increase the *resiliency* of this EJ community through projects that *invests in infrastructure* that protects against **climate change**, creates multi-modal **access** to community resources, enhances *economic mobility*, *advances a healthy environment*.



# **Key Points**

- ☐ The process has the ability to determine levels of inclusivity & meaningful engagement
- Determine ahead of time key points where community involvement and input will make the difference between taking a left or right turn
- ☐ The engagement will have a clear end-result
- ☐ The result of the engagement will reflect community perspectives
- ☐ We need to stop doing projects to meet a mandate or liability, instead we need to think of every project as an opportunity to improve someone's quality of life





**Thank You!** 

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