

Golden State Water (GSW)

Headquarters: San Dimas, CA

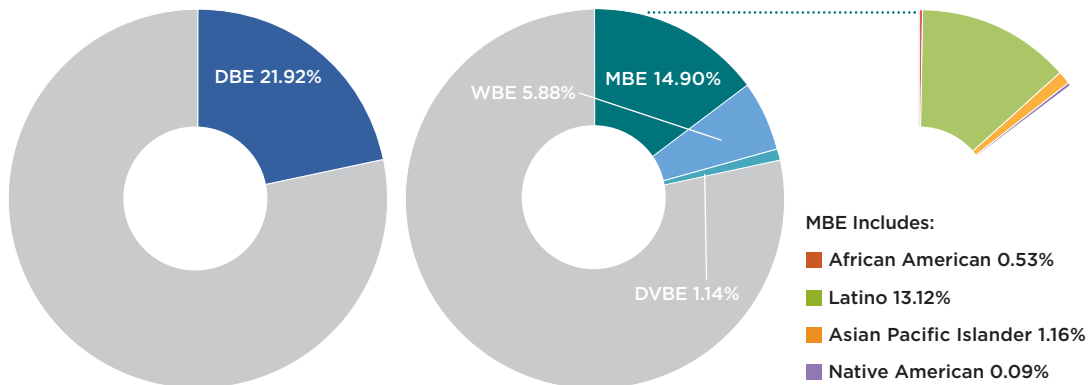
Total 2015 CA Spending: \$113,043,465

Category	Spend	Percentage	Grade ¹
All Diverse Business Enterprises (DBE) ²	\$25 m	21.92%	B-
All Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) ³	\$17 m	14.90%	B
African American	\$600 k	0.53%	F
Latino	\$15 m	13.12%	B
Asian Pacific Islander	\$1 m	1.16%	D-
Native American	\$101 k	0.09%	D
Women (WBE)	\$7 m	5.88%	B-
Women of Color (Minority Women)	\$1 m	0.90%	D-
Service Disabled Veterans	\$1 m	1.14%	B-
Best Practices, Technical Assistance & Capacity Building	-	-	*

Comments and Recommendations:

GSW's total DBE and MBE procurement both increased a bit in 2015, but procurement with African American, API, Native American, and Women of Color businesses leaves room for improvement. GSW participates actively in the joint water utilities efforts to engage and support diverse businesses, and is exploring new procurement software that will hopefully help more diverse businesses engage with the company. We hope these efforts will prove fruitful for the company and for the diverse business community. *GSW also reported spending \$585,845 with SBA Section 8(a) businesses.*

Company Overall Spending



Glossary of Terms

- DBE** ■ Diverse Business Enterprise. Includes minority, women, and disabled veteran-owned business enterprises.
- MBE** ■ Minority-Owned Business Enterprise. MBEs have at least 51 percent ownership by ethnic/racial minorities. The MBE category includes businesses owned by African Americans, Latinos, Asian Pacific Islanders, and Native Americans.
- WBE** ■ Women-Owned Business Enterprise
- DVBE** ■ Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise

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¹ Visit <http://greenlining.org/issues/2016/2016-supplier-diversity-report-card-californias-public-utilities> for more information on how grades are assigned.

² The DBE category includes all MBEs, WBEs, and SDVBES.

³ MBEs include African American, Latino, API, Native American, and women of color owned businesses.