

## Suburban Water Systems

Headquarters: Covina, CA

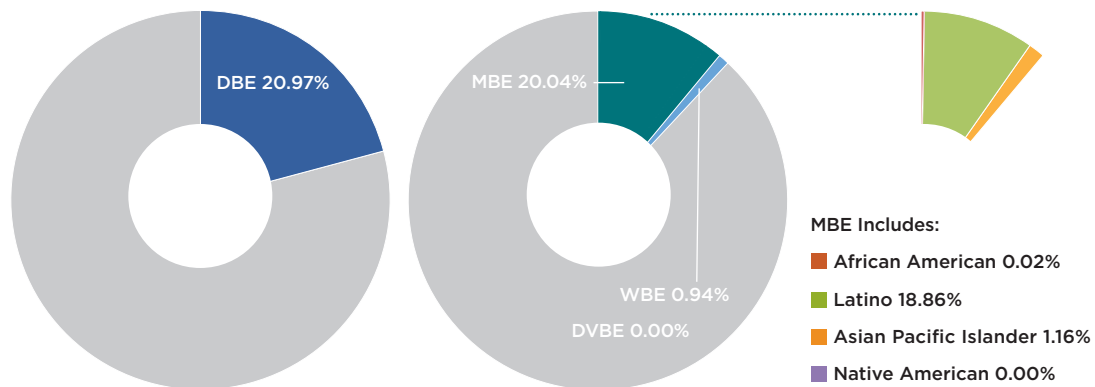
Total 2015 CA Spending: \$20,605,567

Category	Spend	Percentage	Grade <sup>1</sup>
All Diverse Business Enterprises (DBE) <sup>2</sup>	\$4 m	20.97%	B-
All Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) <sup>3</sup>	\$4 m	20.04%	A
African American	\$3 k	0.02%	F
Latino	\$4 m	18.86%	A
Asian Pacific Islander	\$238 k	1.16%	D-
Native American	\$0	0.00%	F
Women (WBE)	\$193 k	0.94%	D
Women of Color (Minority Women)	\$204 k	0.99%	D-
Service Disabled Veterans	\$0	0.00%	F
Best Practices, Technical Assistance & Capacity Building	-	-	*

### Comments and Recommendations:

Suburban's MBE spending increased by 5 points from 2014, but total DBE spend dropped about 3 points. Suburban's only significant diverse spend in 2015 was with Latino businesses, leaving much room for growth and opportunity for the diverse business community. Suburban is the smallest of the Class A water companies, and its spending on capital projects spending can be erratic from year to year. Suburban is focusing on incorporating diversity into its core areas of spending, outside of major projects, and notes that it has taken steps to incorporate diversity at the "front end" of its buying decisions. We are interested to see how these best practices pay off for Suburban.

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

<sup>2</sup> The DBE category includes all MBEs, WBEs, and SDVBEs.

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