

Event Write Up

Event: Piru WaterTalks Public Meeting - The Friends of the Santa Clara River

Date and Time	March 10, 2020 6:30 PM	Community Member Attendance	17+
Location	802 Orchard St, Piru, CA 93040	Sponsoring Organization	The Friends of the Santa Clara River

Summary:

On March 10, 2020 The Friends of the Santa Clara River, hosted a WaterTalks event at 802 Orchard St, Piru, CA 93040. The event was to bring a WaterTalks presentation and conversation to the Piru community.

At 6:00pm upon arriving poster boards were set up all across the room. Poster boards about Water Consumption, Capturing and Storing Water, Friends of the Santa Clara River Protecting and Preserving the Cultural and Biological Resources of the Santa Clara River, along with many more. Many of the posters were also in Spanish. The entry table was full of flyers, handouts and post meeting comment forms.

The meeting began at 6:15pm where Nayroc Pacheco, the English to Spanish interpreter began to speak. The community was told that there were headsets available which would feed a live interpretation of the WaterTalks session. Candice Meneghin the presenter from Friends of the Santa Clara River began her presentation and the attendees listened attentively. Candice thanked everyone for attending in spite of the rain.

The presentation included an overview and background of WaterTalks, Proposition 1, as well as an overview of The Friends of that Santa Clara River organization. Many slides were presented such as "IRWM Region Background", "Where does my Water Come From", "Existing Land Use", as well as a "How Can We Capture Water" slide. Candice discussed that there will be two more WaterTalk sessions for the community in the future, one of which will include a Needs Assessment portion. She asked the community to bring a friend to the next session and to come prepared. At the end of the presentation, the community was split into groups to further discuss water topics. The attendees seemed pleased, attentive and informed.

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