

# Post Event Summary

## Event: 24th St Elementary/Crown Prep WaterTalks

IRWM Region	Greater Los Angeles County	Date and Time	February 27, 2020 8:30 AM
Community Engagement Partner	Koreatown Youth & Community Center (KYCC)	Location	24th St Elementary 2055 W 24th St Los Angeles, CA 90018
Event Facilitator Contact	Carolyn Kwak	Community Member Attendance	Under 18 years old: (0) Over 18 years old: (6-10)
Event Facilitator Contact Email	ckwak@kyccla.org	Water Service Provider Attendance	The city of Los Angeles was not able to attend.

Attendees were mostly Latina mothers at the 24th St. Elementary/Crown Prep Academy School's parent center. It seemed like the content covered in our WaterTalks presentation, such as the impacts of existing land use on our water, smart water strategies, water sources, drinking water and tap water, was relatively new information for this audience. Participant engagement was substantial, especially towards the end when it started to feel more like a two-sided conversation, though we noticed it was mostly one parent who was most vocal with others agreeing with what she was saying.

The biggest concern that they spent the most time talking about was the lack of capacity and authority as a renter to decide on things such as installing water filters and planting trees in their community. There was a lot of anger towards one certain property owner who was aggressively against trees and yanking them out when planted because he assumed that the roots would break his water meter and cost him money.

Another concern, which has been a recurring concern among parents, is the quality of school water. As mothers who had children enrolled at 24th St Elem, they were concerned about both water quality and access to clean water. They voiced that there be more water fountains in public spaces so that there is access to water for those who need it, when they need it. Most of these families, who might have large families of six, drank bottled water and were shocked at the statistic of how much they spent annually. Most families drank bottled water because of a lack of another alternative known to them and mentioned that they couldn't rely on the water that came from the building.

This community was very interested in bringing smart water planning and practices into their neighborhood. They wanted to capture rainwater, plant trees, and wanted workshops like WaterTalks more frequently and made available to a wider audience. They were also keen on having children participate in this process because they thought this was something important.