

Post Event Summary

Event: Agua Dulce Water Talks

IRWM Region	Upper Santa Clara River Watershed	Date and Time	March 10, 2020 6:00 PM
Community Engagement Partner	PlaceWorks	Location	Ague Dulce Women's Club 33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd Agua Dulce, CA 91390
Event Facilitator Contact	C.C. LaGrange / Boykin Witherspoon	Community Member Attendance	Under 18 years old: (0) Over 18 years old: (6-10)
Event Facilitator Contact Email	clagrange@placeworks.com	Water Service Provider Attendance	No WSP, all private wells

The meeting set up included posters about wells, surface water and ground water, and the Water Talks program. We also provided printed materials about several other programs, including those run by USDA Rural Development and Rural Community Assistance Corporation; information from LA County Public Health Department about well requirements; and a takeaway flyer about the WaterTalks program.

The meeting was attended by approximately six adults, all of whom appeared to know one another, and one of whom was from the community of Acton. Several attendees stated that they are involved in the Agua Dulce Town Council, and one attendee had a role in a small water mutual. All attendees seemed to have a deep understanding of water and water issues in their community.

The presentation introduced the WaterTalks program, and briefly covered topics including surface water and groundwater, capturing and storing water, well water, and jobs related to water. The remainder of the presentation focused on funding for water related projects, including Prop 1 funding, types of projects that could be funded, the process for submitting projects, and other funding sources for water related projects.

Meeting attendees were very interested in learning more about funding for projects and expressed deep discontent with previous efforts from government agencies working within their community. Attendees were not sure that their community qualified as a DAC, as they had not qualified under previous programs. It is recommended that Heather Merenda, project manager, follow up with attendees regarding these concerns. Earning trust in this community will be critical to next steps in the Water Talks program.