

# Post Event Summary

## Event: Casitas Springs Water Talks

IRWM Region	Ventura County	Date and Time	August 25, 2020 6:00 PM
Community Engagement Partner	Sierra Club Los Padres Chapter	Location	Online via Zoom Meeting
Event Facilitator Contact	Jonathan Ullman	Community Member Attendance	Under 18 years old: (0) Over 18 years old: (6-10)
Event Facilitator Contact Email	jonathan.ullman@sierraclub.org	Water Service Provider Attendance	Bert Rapp, General Manager, Ventura River Water District; John Dickenson, President, Casitas Mutual Water Company

The Casitas Springs event was held online via Zoom webinar. Two post cards were sent on different occasions to each household with information and online registration address. We can also confirm registration links were emailed to all customers of Ventura River Water District. We did not collect demographic information on age or demographics other than a poll asking where people lived at the end of the webinar. The event, hosted by Sierra Club Los Padres Chapter Director Jonathan Ullman, lasted 1 1/2 hours in duration and was simultaneously broadcast in Spanish on a separate audio channel. We recorded the event and will encourage the water providers to send it out to their customers.

We covered in presentations: what are IRWMs, the goals of the program, funds available from the State of California, water sources, surface bodies of water watersheds and groundwater, climate change and presentations by individual panelists.

There were discussions of flooding issues, changes in upstream dams to protect wildlife while protecting the community from flooding and debris flow. There were discussions of water quality, the number of fire hydrants and the ability to provide enough water to them. There were a comment from an audience member concern about level of haloacetic acids in potable water and would like to see action on desalinization in plans, a question about removal of the Matila Dam and improvements to mitigate sediment and the need to address it in the plan, a question about a Ventura River law suit involving a non-profit environmental organization, various cities, agencies and water companies.

The panelists for the event included: Lynn Rodriguez, Project Manager, Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County; Peter Sheydayi, Deputy Director of Design and Construction for Complex Water Resources Projects, Ventura County Watershed Protection District; Steve Offerman, Senior Administrative Assistant, Supervisor Steve Bennett's office; Bert Rapp, General Manager, Ventura River Water District; John Dickenson, President, Casitas Mutual Water Company; Bryan Bondy, Director, Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency.

Attendees were given the main watertalks website for further info and to take the survey.

Here is the recording of the webinar:

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