

# Post Event Summary

## Event: Fillmore Water Talks

IRWM Region	Ventura County	Date and Time	October 21, 2020 6:00 PM
Community Engagement Partner	The Friends of the Santa Clara River (FSCR)	Location	Online via Zoom Webinar
Event Facilitator Contact	Holly Wright	Community Member Attendance	2
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This event was originally scheduled in March 2020, and was ready to take place at the Community Center and Active Adult Center in Fillmore.

Once we learned that we would not be able to hold a postponed event in person we realized that we would struggle to have a wide attendance as a majority of the Fillmore target community members do not have computer access, internet or Zoom access.

The next attendance obstacle we came up against was that the evening happened to coincide with the L.A. Dodgers MLB World Series game. Despite equal outreach efforts for our El Rio and Nyeland Acres events, Fillmore's attendance was low. Online platforms were purposefully kept open, without registration requirements, to reduce any/all obstacles to attendance, outside the internet and computer access.

We proceeded with recording the WaterTalks to ensure these event recordings are accessible online.

Candice Meneghin gave the WaterTalks Toolkit presentation for The Friends of the Santa Clara River. Holly Wright monitored questions. There were two Spanish interpreters also working remotely.

We were very happy to be able to have had David Smallwood in attendance as the Public Works supervisor at the City of Fillmore. His presentation was full of valuable information for Fillmore residents, as the City provides residents with their water supply via groundwater wells. We also want to express a sincere thanks to Erika Herrera, Human Resources Manager at The City of Fillmore, who helped with scheduling and outreach, particularly with bilingual logistics. Erika also contributed with outreach via The City's website and social media.

Tony Emmert from the United Water Conservation District was a committed partner and presented at our WaterTalks Events in Piru, Fillmore and El Rio. Tony Emmert represented the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency as their Executive Director (Candice Meneghin is a GSA board director and environmental representative).

Shawn Kelly, Executive Director of the Santa Clara River Conservancy, presented the 300-acre Sespe Cienega restoration project on the reach of the Santa Clara River that runs through Fillmore. This project is in collaboration with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and expected to provide hiking recreation for residents as well as conservation and restoration of the Santa Clara River. Within this project is also an acre of field next to the Fillmore Fish Hatchery which has a nature and watershed education trail being created via Friends of the Santa Clara River with volunteer effort at this time. This project has wide community participation from schools, local groups and public volunteer days.

Each presentation was engaging and covered issues related to watershed health, conservation of resources and pollution prevention.