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## Community Input Event











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**WaterTalks** is a public program designed to generate and increase community involvement in planning a sustainable water future for California. Its goal is to explore the strengths and opportunities of 128 communities in the Los Angeles and Ventura counties facing ongoing economic and environmental distress, and gather input to prioritize and recommend water-related projects based on issues of greatest concern.

**WaterTalks** aims to ensure that regional water resource management considers the health, safety, welfare, and resiliency of lower-income community members. To do so, WaterTalks is providing a series of community forum meetings for the benefit of local residents to raise questions and concerns about their water-related issues, provide crucial input regarding their community's water needs, and to learn about the State's most current water related topics. These include drinking water, water conservation, flood management, drainage, vector control, access to parks and recreation, and the overall health of our watersheds.

**WaterTalks** is funded through the California Department of Water Resources. In 2014, voters approved "The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act" – Proposition 1 – to meet the State's long-term water needs. Proposition 1 funds an array of sustainable water-related projects, including drinking water protection, public water system improvements, water recycling, wastewater treatment, drought relief, emergency water supply management, and watershed protection.

**WaterTalks** collaborates with numerous community based organizations to host local community meetings and events. Participation in a WaterTalks Community Input Meeting will help ensure your needs, concerns, questions, and insights become part of the State's future water projects.

To participate in WaterTalks, please check the schedule of meeting dates and locations on the WaterTalks website: www.watertalks.csusb.edu

#### **About Our Host**

Friends of the Santa Clara River is a 501 (c)(3) public interest organization formed in 1993. The impetus for forming Friends occurred when a comprehensive river planning effort, known as the Santa Clara River Enhancement and Managernent Plan, was begun by the State Coastal Conservancy in the early 1990s. We were eventually able to secure a seat on the Plan Steering Committee and participated in this effort for 13 years. We have been a member of the Santa Clara River Steelhead Coalition since its inception and currently provide monetary support for the Santa Clara River coordinator position under the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. Since its inception, Friends has concentrated on protection of the river through advocacy, education and conservation in both Ventura and Los Angeles Counties.

